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BL refuses job for Mr Robinson and strike is called

There is no possibility of Mr Derek Robinson, the dismissed communist convener, being reinstated, BL told the engineering union yesterday. The union immediately ordered a strike of its 8.000 mem-

bers at the plant in Longbridge. Birmingham. The company warned the union that the strike could lead to more than 50,000 BL workers

being laid off almost at once and that all new investment would stop.

50,000 workers could be laid off

By David Felton and

British Leyland management : yesterday firmly ruled out any possibility that Mr Derek Robinson, the dismissed communist union convener, would be reinstated. This brought the immediate response from his union that a strike of its 2000.

immediate response from his union that a strike of its 8,000 members at BL's Longbridge plant will go ahead.

Mr Ray Horrocks, managing director of BL Cars, said: "We are not prepared to allow strike action to reverse a decision which, we are convinced, was which, we are convinced, was fully justified." He gave a warning that a strike could put thousands of jobs at risk and could lead to BL's plans for new models, including the Mini Merry, being amended.

new models, including the Mini Metro, being amended.

Mr Terence Duffy, president of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, said after hearing of the company's demand. rejection of the union's demand that Mr Robinson be reinstated:
"We consider this a tragedy. We are convinced they are wrong on this issue and most collision." reluctantly we are collision-

Mr Horrocks said in a letter to Mr Duffy setting out the state car firm's position: "Before Austin Morris dismissed Mr Robinson all the possible consequences were considered. No new fact has emerged that would justify a reconsideration of our decision. It is clear that not only our management but many Longbridge employees as well are convinced that the decision was right."

The letter went on: "I think it is common ground that if BL Cars is to survive (and we are determined it will) management and employees must work con-structively together. It is our view that Mr Robinson's conduct over the past two years has proved convincingly that not prepared to work constructively either with the com-

Dockers to

One thousand dockers in London are to be called out on

strike from Monday. Picket lines will be mounted at the Royal, Group, the India and Millwall and at Tilbury.

Although the National Amalgamated Stavadores

Dockers Union has only 1,000

of the 3,300 workforce in the enclosed docks, members of the rival Transport and General

Workers' Union are not ex-pected to cross picket lines.

don's docks will be idle.

Employers'

This means about half Lon-

A decision to give 21 days

notice of strike action unless

the London Enclosed Docks

creased its 12 per cent pay offer

on Tuesday the talks broke

down when the employers' offer was rejected by both unions. The transport union, known as the "white" union because of the colour of its

cards, has instituted an over-

time ban and one-day strikes. It has been demanding a 43 per cent pay rise. The steve-dores and dockers' union wants

Shipowners are expected to move many of their vessels out of the docks during the week-

The employers were trying vesterday to set up new talks for next week.

a 30 per cent rise.

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Association

Stevedores

strike

over pay



Mr Robinson: "Unsnitable on his track record."

Mr Horrocks urged Mr Duffy to call off the strike or, at the very least, hold a secret ballot in gauge the opinion of the work force.

At a press conference Mr Horrocks rejected the findings of the AUEW's own inquiry into the dismissal of Mr Robinson for distributing a leaflet urging the work force to oppose the plans of Sir Michael Edwardes, BL chairman, to reorganize the company, with 25,000 job losses.

Mr Horrocks said the inquiry report had concentrated on how Mr Robinson was dismissed and At a press conference Mr

Mr Robiuson was dismissed and not why. He maintained that in March last year Mr Robiuson was given a verbal warning for calling an unofficial strike, against the advice of his union. He said that in March there was no doubt that Mr Robinson

knew that he was being formally disciplined. Mr Horrocks alleged that on this occasion Mr Robinson said:
"Ty got the message, but don't try to sack either me or Juck Adams because you will see what will happen". Mr Adams was one of three other signa-

pressures from current indus

trial disputes the Government did not intend to rush the pas

sage of its controversial employ ment Bill, which limits trade union powers.

It was expected that the Bil'

would be on the statute book by August, in time for next autumn's round of industria.

To that extent. Mr James Prior, Secretary of State for Employment, has won one round in his struggle with those

Cabinet colleagues who have been pressing for tougher

Mr Prior last night also won

Mr reror last night also won-another round—perhaps a re-prieve—in facing his Conserva-tive backbench critics at a crowded meeting of the 1922 Committee, according to initial

He said he recognized the

general public impatience with strikers' actions, but in changing the law they had to be sure they got it right, and not repeat the mistakes of the 1973-74 con

To the four or five MPs who

wondered why quicker tougher

action, and not before.

measures.

accounts.

frontation.

tories to the leaflet who were disciplined when Mr Robinson was dismissed.

The leaflet, entitled The Edwardes Plan and word job, was compiled by the unofficial Leyland combined trade union committee, of which Mr Robinson was recently reelected chairman.

Roomson was recently reelected chairman.

Mr Horrocks reiterated the
claim first made by Sir Michael
Edwardes that there had been
a "miserable record of disputes
and lost time since Mr Robinson became convener". This included 523 internal disputes in three years, which lost produc-tion of 113,000 engines and 62,000 cars, excluding the national engineering strike last year and other external dis-

"I have to admit to a feeling of surprise that, given the whole series of public statements made by Mr Robinson over recent months, he would wish to be employed by the company". Mr florrocks said in the letter.

The company said that a strike at Longbridge would lead to more than 50,000 BL workers being laid off with a knock-on affect upon com-

ponent suppliers.

The cash position makes it impossible for it to cushion this effect in any way by building for stock, so the lay-offs will be virtually immediate. Austin Morris and other major parts of BL Cars will stop. All new investment will stop, with inevitable delays to new model programmes like the Mini Metro", the company said.

"Should this action make it impossible for the company to

impossible for the company to achieve its 1980 corporate plan, BL Cars will have no option but to recommend to the BL board the withdrawal of

Mr Horrocks told the press conference: "Right now, on his track record, Mr Derek Robinson is not suitable for re-Continued on page 2, col 6

But he gave no promises and pleaded for understanding ir building on his bill and the pro

posed aroeadment on immunities as the first stage.

He was reported to have been

warmly received.
However, the measures to

However, the measures to narrow union immunities regarding secondary industrial action remain to be agreed and defined. The Cabinet meeting yesterday did not return to the failure of ministers to agree on Wednesday to the draft proposals on union immunities presented by Mr Prior.

The only new development was Mrs Margaret Thatcher's undertaking in the Commons to bring the Government's eventual proposal on immunities to the floor of the House

rether than treat in committee.

Pressed by Mr James Callaghan, leader of the Opposition, the Prime Minister categorically refused to abandon the Bill in favour of a new round of consultations with the TUC. But Mr Callaghan had meant her to defer only the Covernment's new proposals on

Government's new proposals on

immunities.

presented by Mr Prior.

Employment Bill to be

By Fred Emery

Political Editor

Senior ministers disclosed last night that whatever the to strikers.

be possible to deal with such Conservative commitments as curbing social security benefit, to strikers.

ready by August

Shaikh Yamani complains of inflation eating into return on dollar investments

Saudi Arabia threatens cutbacks in high oil production

Geneva, Feb 7

Shaikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, Saudi Arabian oil minister, said today that unless his country and other Gulf producers could be assured of a return on invested revenues that would beat the inflation rate they were un-likely to continue producing at their present high levels.

Shrikh Yamani, addressing the European Management Forum at Davos, indicated that so far the rate of return on his country's dollar investments

had "always been below zero, taking account of initiation".

Sauti Arabia had secondary fields whose exploitation required large investments, he while without guarantees that the ensuing revenue would be adequate. These fields would put back total depletion of supplies by about 30 years.

The underlined the need for closer connectation between

closer cooperation between producers and consumers, to reassure the former about the purchasing power of their in-come and the lutter on con-

tinuing supplies. Separate dis-cussions could be held between the Europeans and the produc-ing nations to improve their relationship and move away

relationship and more away from confrontation.

The Shaikh said countries such as Algeria and Nigeria could not be blamed for raising their prices because they were receiving offers as high as \$40 a barrel. He advocated Western programment intervent Western government interven-tion to control the Rotterdam spot market and dissuade companies from filling small supply gaps at levels which disrupted

Opec's entire pricing structure.
Current signs were of an approaching glut because of increased Mexican and North Sea output, falling consumption and lowering of stocks. "When spot prices come down, we will be able to stabilize Opec prices at a single level again," he added. "But whatever is done, the real price of oil must go up the real price of oil must go up on an anoual basis."

Shaikh Yamani pointed out that if Opec members, mainly Iraq, Kuwait, and Saudi Arabia.

had not increased production by over three million barrels a

output, prices would have been higher still. The Shaikh said he was conrinced that a major reason for the Soviet Union's intervention in Afghanistan was to bring it closer to Middle Eastern oil because of likely shortages throughout Eastern Europe in the second half of this decade. "If the Soviet Union marches to the oilfields, there will be a third world war", he declared, "The atmosphere is boiling—it could lead to a disaster if nothing is done."

Unpalatable

law cannot

be ignored,

Lords say

By David Nicholson-Lord



Picket-line anger: A striking steelman shouts his opinion on the picket line outside the privately-owned Sheerness Steel Works on the Isle of Sheppey where 500 workers are defying their union's strike call.

Police called in reinforcements as angry pickets shouted at lorry drivers going through the lines. But there was heppey where 500 workers are defyno violence, and only one lorry and The four were charged with causing ag their union's strike call.

Four pickets were arrested in criminal damage and with breach of More than 100 flying pickets failed clashes early yesterday outside BL's the peace. Steel strike reports, page 2

have any impact on production.

car body plant at Castle Bromwich. Birmingham. Two policemen received minor injuries as pickets tried to stop lorries leaving and entering the plant.

from this cozy arrangement.

For a time Moscow ap-peared to believe that France

and West Germany, both impor-tant trading partners of the Soviet Union, would be so reluctant to throw away the

fruits of détente that they could be counted on not to follow the United States in

retailatory measures against the Soviet Union, to oppose an

Olympic boycott and to go no further than routine verbal

Indeed, the Russians were so sure that business could con-tinue as normal that they tried

to show how eager business-men and politicians were for

continuing contacts on every

possible occasion. This is what

actions in Afghanistan.

Unless judges resisted the temptation to disregard "unpalatable" legislation, respect for the law in cus2s involving industrial action would disappear, the Law Lords said yesterday.
Giving reasons for the House of Lords' decision last week to reverse the Court of Appeal's

reverse the Court of Appears ruling against the extension of the steel strike to the private sector, Lord Diplock, who pre-sided, described the conclusion sided, described the conclusion that the test of whether an act was done in furtherance of a trade dispute was purely subjective as "intrinsically repugnant" to anyone involved in the administration of justice.

"Sharing those lustincts it was a conclusion that I reached with considerable reluctance.

with considerable reluctance, for given the existence of a ing to trade unions a power, which has no other limits than their own self-restraint to inflict by means which are con-trary to the general law, untold harm to industrial enterprises unconcerned with the particula dispute, to the employees of

dispute, to the employees of such enterprises, to members of the public and to the nation itself."

The court had been presented with the "insidious temptation" to cross the boundary between interpretation and legislation, he said. But if the national interest required that some limits should be put upon the use of industrial muscle, the law had to be changed, and that could be done only by Parliament.

ment.

"If judges were to grant injunctions notwithstanding that they know that it is highly prob-able that the acts they are enjoining are perfectly lawful, it is unlikely that voluntary re-spect for the law . . . will con-tinue to have any influence in controlling industrial action

In a second judgment, Lord Scarman criticized the Court of Appeal, presided over by Lord Dénning on the ground that in its desire to do justice, it failed to do justice according to law

Unpalatable statute should not be disregarded or rejected merely because it was unpalatable. This would result in confidence in the judiciall system being replaced by fear of its becoming "uncertain and erbitrary".
Society would then be ready

for Parliament to cut the power of judges to do justice, he said.

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US shelves further sanctions on Iran

From Patrick Brogan Washington, Feb 7

The State Department admitted : today . that further anctions against Iran will be held in abeyance while diplu-matic efforts to obtain the release of the hostages continue. Only two days ago, the Department's spokesman insisted that a new set of sanctions regulations would be

Christopher, Warren Deputy Secretary of State, said yesterday that the situation over the hostages was "somewhat promising". There have been persistent rumours here and in the Middle East that serious between the new Iranian Government and Washington, directly or through the mediation of Dr Kurt Waldheim, the United Nations Secretary-

The additional American sanctions were to ban all trade between the United States and Iran except food and medical supplies. Since the United States stopped buying Iranian oil and froze Iranian bank assets last November, there has been no trade, so the sanctions would have seemed reductions anyway.

America tried to get United Nations sanctions approved by the Security Council, but when the Soviet Union vetoed the resolution six weeks ago the Americans announced they would go shead with sanctions of their own.

Since then the spokesmen at the State Department and the White House have been asked every day what was going to be done, and until today always insisted action was imminent. In much the same veiu, the announcement on December 12

that most of the Iranian diplomats here would be asked to leave, and the earlier announcewondered why quicker tougher action was not possible. Mi Prior reportedly answered that a further industrial relation: bill a year or so hence migh. Immunities.

Mrs Thatcher said the Government that Iranian students in its consultative document, due bill a year or so hence migh. Out at the end of first week.

sory gestures. There are still as many Iranian diplomets as ever probably more students than before.

The hopeful signs detected by Mr Christopher are the election of President Bani-Suda and his various statements condemning the militants occupying the United States Embassy Tehran.

Solidarity pledge: Professor Norman Forer, leader of a group of Americans who arrived in Tehran yesterday for unofficial talks with the students holding the embassy hostages, called today for solidarity between the ordinary people of the United States and Iran.

Speaking at a cemetery near Tehrau, where many who died in the attempts to overthrow the Shah lie buried, he said: Our presence here with you today is to join hands in solidarity and to begin work that will lead to a penceful world, a civil world, and an eternal life based on the friendship between the Iranian and the American peoples ".

Mr Nasser Minachi, the Iranian Information Minister, left prison today, while the Maslim students whose disclosure of captured American documents put him there were branded by President Bani-Sadr as lawless and contrary to Islam. Mr Minachi was freed by a unanimous vote of the ruling Revolutionary Council last night, within 24 hours of his arrest by Revolutionary Guards, for alleged collaboration with the American Central Intelli-

gence Agency. In today's Kaphan newspaper, President Bani-Sadr wrote: How can there be peace in country where a responsible Minister is detained at mid-night without question and without authority, and where radio and television allow groups to act in a unilateral way and deny the right of defence to their victims?"— Agence France-Presse and Reuter.

Paris and Bonn shatter Soviet détente plans tain, as a hardline ally of the United States, was excluded

From Michael Binyon Moscow, Feb 7

The Soviet post-Afghanis-tan plan for a new relationship with the West, centred on Western Europe, appears to be collapsing before it emerged, to the Russians' dismay.

The strong condemnation of the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan by the French and West Germans has shattered Soviet hopes that continental Europe could be weaned from the influence of the United States and kept on reasonable terms with Moscow by the promise of continued detente within Europe.

summit declaration The brought forth a warning from the Russians that the two countries were giving way to "unprincipled pressure" from the United States and placing detente in danger, for which Europe itself would suffer.

tique in continental Europe in spite of growing tensions in

Europe visit by Mr Vance to align policy From Our Own Correspondent

Washington, Feb.7 Mr Cyrus Vance, the Secretary of State, plans to fly to Europe at the end of this month to discuss Western reactions to the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan and joint assistance to Pakistan Mr John Fraser, the Australian Prime Minister, reported to President Carter today on his discussions with European leaders. The Auzus council meeting, due to be held in May, has been

moved forwards to February. All this diplomatic activity is to ensure that the allies take up a coordinated position on Afghani

Letters: On trade unions and the law, from Lord Wedderburn of Charlton, and others; on expand-ing the reserve Forces, from Mr Michael Stephen and Mr Philip

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Smith

probably led Tass yesterday to make the mistake of saying the Detente. Tess. the Soviet news agency, said in a commentary last night, was in a sense divisible. It could conmace the instance of saying the meeting of a senior German bank official with Soviet offi-cials on economic cooperation had been at his request, where-

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GEC decides to counter new Racal bid

After bids from Racal and GEC and a counter offer from Racal which values counter offer from Racal which values Decca at £93m, Sir Arnoid Weinstock's GEC announced that it would extend its original £82.5m bid. On the news of the increased offer Decca's share gained 15p to 550p which is still some way short of Racal's best offer Page 17

EEC plan may put £150m on food prices

An increase in the minimum prices 2 year anteed to the EEC's eight milion farmers of between 1.5 and 3.5 per tent for the 1980-81 marketing year was announced by Mr Finn Ulay Gundelach, announced by Mr Finn Ulay Gundelach, European Commissioner for Agricul-ture. It is estimated that this would mean an increase of about £150m in cansumer expenditure on food in Britain

Moscow: Bolshoi deflections brings to light long quarrel over "stifflingly con-servative" repertoire

Reservists' call-up

in Rhodesia Police and security force reservists in Southern Rhodesia are "virtually certain" to be called up to provide adequate protection during the general election at the end of the month. The continuing wave of intimidation and violence around the country was said to have influenced the authorities who have held the force on stand-by for

Abdication favoured

A survey by Marplan shows that a majority of people think the Queen should abdicate at a fixed age and allow the Prince of Wales to be King. Of those in favour of abdication, 65 per cent thought the right time to be her 60th birthday Page 2

Denning ruling upset

The Law Lords reversed a ruling by Lord Denning in the Court of Appeal last July that a public inquiry into the proposed M40 and M42 motorway extensions should be reopened. The decision will be a blow to anti-roads campaigners who brought the case to challenge inquiry procedures. Page 3

Brighter outlook for Church of England

Larest statistics for the Church of England appear to show an improvement in outlook with a reversal of the long-term trend towards contraction. The total number of confirmations began to rise in 1976, as did the number of ordinations to the priesthood, and the improvement was maintained in the two Page 4 following years

£225,000 award

A semisment of £225,000, believed to be a record award for injuries, was agreed in Cardiff in favour of a scaffolder who tell 30 fc while working above a main road in Staffordshire Page 4

Railcard success

More than a million journeys have been made in the first nine months of British Rail's family railcard scheme and railway managers predict even greater success in the next few years Page 4

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£600,000 test tube baby expected

Australia's first test tube baby is due to be born in four months as a result of an eight-year programme costing \$A12m (£600,000). A laboratory-fertilized embryo has been transferred into the uterus of a 26-year-old nurse, married to a schoolteacher. This led to be a schoolteacher. a healthy pregnancy

Education proposals: Means test plans for assisted places in independent North Sca fire-fighters: Duke of Edin-burgh insugurates £40m emergency

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showed rises of about 50p and the FT Index closed 7.0 up at 462.9 Financial Editor: GEC will re-

spond; London and County paying Business features: Darrell Dela-maide on criticisms that the German Post Office is misusing its

monopoly .

Steel unions expected to aim for 20% rise in pay talks lasting throughout this weekend

Labour Editor

The British Steel Corporation (BSC) will formally unveil its new pay offer to steem union leaders this morning, at the opening of negotiations that are confidently predicted to be lengthy.

Full details of the wages and conditions package designed to end the national steel strike, now nearing the end of its sixth week, will be given to the 60 members of the lay negotiating committee of the dominant Iron and Steet Trades Confederation (ISTC) and to leaders of the National Union of Blastfurnacemen. BSC hopes that the union

Safety men

to go back
From Ronald Kershaw

The Association of Scientific,

work at British Steel Corpora-

tion plants in South Yorkshire.

struction to the strike commit-

tee from Mr William Sirs,

that safety cover must be main-

kers, although only a minority

their dependents, at an average of £22.21 a week.

The return follows an in-

ordered

Sheffield

serious attempt to find a solution since British Steel plants were shur down on January 2 by the first complete stoppage in the industry since 1926.

Mr William Televisian Steel was used to pay for much wider currency. Mr Sirs will have a difficult task in persuading his negotiators to accept conditions or wage rises lower than the 20 when British Steel presents the seventh version in the industry since 1926. negotiators will continue talk- ment, which has until now in- our strings that started on the

by the first complete stoppage in the industry since 1926.

Mr William Sirs, general secretary of the ISTC, believes that the corporation has reallocated money originally earmarked for investment, operating costs and redundancies under the £450m of public support for the industry in 1980-81 to finance an early settlement of the dispute. He describes that as a "silent U-turn" by the Govern-

seventh version of its propo-sals on wages and jobs to the union today. The corporation is expected to fight hard to retain many of the job flexibllity and de-manning elements originally demanded when it was looking for an entirely

lic sector pay negotiations, union leaders of 95,000 manual workejs in the electricity supply industry yesterday adjourned their pay talks until was looking for an entirely self-financing settlement.

But the mood of the lay negotiators has hardened after nearly six weeks of strike with-

out dispute benefit, and the a settlements at least as gener-demand for 20 per cent with- ous as that of the miners. Four pickets are arrested and two policemen hurt outside BL plant

Four pickets were arrested during clashes early yesterday outside BL's car body plant at Castle Bromwich, Birmingham. Technical and Managerial Staffs at Sheffeld last night instructed Two policemen were slightly its members to resume safety injured as the four men, with 200 "flying pickets" from South Yorkshire, Staffordshire and Corby, attempted to stop lorries leaving and entering the factory. The pickets were charged with causing criminal damage and with breaches of

general secretary of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation. the peace. They had arrived by coach but despite making threats to close the plant, which makes bodies for Jaguar and Rover, Our Social Services Correspondent writes: More than £2m has been paid in supplementary benefits to striking steel worare receiving benefit. The Department of Health and Social Services reported last night that up to February 5, 52,150,421 had been paid to 31,581 British Steel strikers for

rinued working normally.

A claim by the Iron and
Steel Trades Confederation
that layoffs at the plant were caused by its actions were discounted by BL. It said 800 bodyworkers had been laid off because of a dispute at the Jaguar factory in Coventry where production had stopped.

Mr Roy Bishop, divisional organizer of the ISTC, said yesterday: "THis morning's picket was the first move we have made against a consumer in the are aand it was decided upon by our strike committee. We considered that BL had

come within our picketing policy because some lorries moving material for them had been breaking through picket lines elsewhere."
SheernessH More than 100 "flying pickets" from throughout the country massed at the privately owned Sheerness steel works on the Isle of Sheppey in Kent yesterday, where 500 workers are defying their majorit erisks and here to the steel works.

their union's strike call, but they made no impact on production (Frances Gibb writes).

Three coachloads arrived from South Wates and Teesside to join the 15 regular pickets from Sheffield and

as lorry drivers drove through picket lines. One driver, wield-ing a small metal bar, said: "The next one who spits at me gets this ".

Tempers rose when one of confronted the pickets and the steel workers came out and then also heated exchanges between local officers of the ISTC and the pickets.

Wives of the steel workers, who voted on Wednesday by 300 to 7 to carry on working, turned up again with their children to confront the

children to confront the pickets with banners. Neath: Steel strike pickets yes-terday escorted eight lorries, with a consignment of 160 tons of tio cans bound for Jamaica, from the beseiged Metal Box plant in West Glamorgan, to Newport docks (the Press

Association reports).

Mr Brian Bowcher, of the
Port Talbor strike committee. who monitored the operation, said it had been agreed that Police called in reinforce all the works export orders, ments as angry pickets which had been held up by shouted, and in one case, spat, pickets, would be released.

New warning that Welsh miners are ready to strike

Mr Emlyn Williams, the South Wales miners' leader, gave another strong warning yesterday that his 27,000 members were ready to strike to save jobs in the steel and coal industries.

Mr Williams's area executive will meet today to decide whether to defy the British

chearing steelworkers and miners that he was not pre-pared to let the British TUC channel them into a cul de sec where their difficulties could be forgotten.
"I believe that people

within the leadership at the moment are becoming too con-stitutionalized", he said. The South Wales miners were not

TUC and call an indefinite autonomous but were members South Wales, the proposals strike.

South Wales, the proposals of the National Union of could seriously affect the coal-fields.

stitutions and the catastrophic effects of unemployment, to hell with the constitution."

Mr Williams was speaking at a union raily in Port Talbot, West Glamorgan, organized to protest at the British Steel Corporation's plans to cut 7,000 jobs at the town's steelworks. With other BSC cuts in

sut when it comes to constitutions and the catastrophic effects of unemployment, to held with the constitution."

Mr. William of the constitution."

The national TUC leaders have asked the Wales TUC to alter plans for strike action until March 10 has the national TUC leaders.

Man was 'caught | Mrs Thatcher forecasts in the state benefits trap'

The state benefits trap that could make some people better off by staying at home rather than going to work was illus-trated by a judge in the High Court yesterday.

A man claiming damages for an arm injury was receiving more from the state for doing nothing than soldiers risking their lives in Northern Ireland. Mr Justice Cantley said. As far as he could see, Roy Parmenter, aged 32, the father of four children, was unlikely to be spurred into getting a job while he continued to draw tax-free benefits of £70.60 a week.

week.

The judge said that Mr Parmenter, of Corporation Street,
Stratford, east London, to
whom he awarded £1,200
damages, had told him he would
not take a job for less than
£90 a week.

The damages were against Mr Parmenter's former em-ployers, Permanite Ltd, of Bow, east London, and Myton Ltd, builders. He sued them after an accident on a building site at Holborn, in which he spilt bot bitumen on his erm.

Afterwards Mr Parmenter said: "I em caught in a trap. I have got to have money to keep my family. I cannot get a job that pays enough to make it worth while taking it."

Correction

The price of £49.62 for a bottle of Château Latour 1967, quoted in a report on February 5 on restaurant wine lists, is charged at the Selfridge Hotel,

fiercer credit curbs By Our Political Editor

hire purchase agreements. She binted that "more effective" action was needed than an "instruction" from the Bank.

She reminded MPs at parlia-mentary question time that a Treasury consultative document reviewing the possibility of controlling money supply on a different basis was coming out soon. She said it would be "fiercer than anything we have at the moment".

The Green Paper, fore-shadowed by the Chancellor of

the Exchequer last November, Mrs Margaret Thatcher was is expected to be published toyesterday urged to ensure that the Bank of England curbed credit through credit cards and hire purchase agreements. She is expected to be published towards the end of the month.
Mr Peter Tapseli, Conservative MP for Horncastle and a finance expert, prompted the exchanges by stating that it was time to bring domestic credit-under more effective control. He suggested directives to lend-

the Government's monetarist policies, and several Conserva-tive backbenchers yesterday indicated disagreementwith his

Stranded ship blown up to protect birds

From Our Correspondent Dunfermline

The movement of all tankers The movement of all tankers and other shipping in the South channel of the river Forth was stopped yesterday while naval experts blew up the Switha, a 500-ton fisheries protection ship. The Switha, operated by the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, ran aground in a gale on rocks off Inchkeith Island last week.

She was too badly damaged to

last week.

She was too badly damaged to be towed into port. After many dead birds smothered in oil were found on beaches, it was decided to blow her up. Fifty tons of oil flowed from her tanks after the explosion.

Council calls in police

By a Staff Reporter

Police are investigating alleged irregularities in payments made by the London Borough of Harrow to contrac-tors brought in to clear the rubbish during the dustmen's strike last year.

Mr David Adams, the council's principal chief officer, said yesterday: "I called in the police because there appears to ne evidence that there might other councils.

Tomorrow

have been some irregularity over the payments of contrac-tors' accounts".

The contractors charged a total of £455,750 to carry out the dustmen's work.

They were paid for a nine-week period at £50,000 a week, more than double the estimated cost of using the council's own men. Mr Adams said the com-pany's quote was lower than quotes from contractors used by

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ing institutions to reduce their lending within "the declared

monetary limits".

Mr Tapsell has led the small number of backbenchers who have criticized the operation of

Sweeping powers proposed in **Education Bill**

By Diana Geddes Education Correspondent Changes in the law to give

the Secretary of State for Edu-cation and Science wide-ranging powers concerning higher education courses in maintained colleges, qualifications of teachers, and pupils school records are proposed by the Government in a list of late amendments to its Education but

As predicted they would remove the statutory duty of local education authorities to provide nursery education and compel authorities which intro-duce charges for school trans-port to levy a flat-rate fare.

Different uniform transport rates may be charged for pupils of different ages. Local authori-ties are not to be allowed to charge for nursery education.

An amendment will be intro-duced to enable the Secretary of State to make regulations over the fees to be charged for courses in maintained colleges; requiring his approval for the provision of new advanced courses; and giving directions for the discontinuance of such courses or on the number and categories of students to be ad-

Evidence 'a test' of Labour inquiry's fairness

Launching the centre-right Campaign for Labour Victory's evidence to the party inquiry into its organization, Mr Alec

McGivas, organization, Mr Alec McGivas, organizing secretary, said yesterday that the inquiry's response to CLV's evidence would be a touchstone.

Ordinary Labour Party members would be able to judge whether the left wing majority on the inquiry intended to consider openly and fairly ideas put forward on the party's organization.

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The evidence, which was re-ported exclusively in The Times yesterday, recommends that the parliamentary party and the national executive committee should continue to agree the general election manifest, out that the whole of the parlia-mentary party must be involved in this process.

The Queen should abdicate at 60, poll finds Most people believe that the Queen should abdicate at a

fixed age and allow the Prince of Wales to become king, according to a survey con-ducted by Marplan for the current issue of the magazine

Of those in favour of abdi-Of those in tayour of abdication, nearly two-thirds thought the Queen shough retire in seven years, at the age of 60.

The poll, based on a nationnally representative sample of 951 adults, was taken in the light of the decision by Queen

light of the decision by Queen Juliana of the Netherlands to abdicate on ther 71st birthday in favour of Crown Princess

in favour of Crown Princess
Beatrix, who is 42.
The results differ markedly
from the last opinion poll
taken on the subject five
months ago, which showed
only 40 per cent in favour of
abdication.
This time, 58 per cent
thought that the Queen should
retire at a fixed age, 10 per
cent thought she should retire
now and 32 per cent thought
she should remain Queen until
her death.
Of those in favour of her

abdication, 65 per cent thought the right time would be her 60th birthday. Slightly more women tran men favoured abdication, but there was no significant difference of

people.
The result reflects the high personal popularity of Prince

Charles.

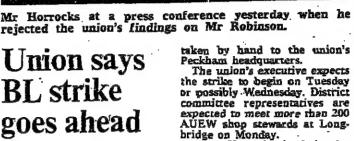
When asked who was the most likable member of the Royal Family, and who was the second most likable, Prince Charles was named by a total of 70 per cent, the Queen by 46 per cent, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother 30 per cent, the Duke of Edinburgh 21 per cent, Prince Andrew 11 per cent, Princess Alexandra 9 per cent, Princess Anne4 per cent, cent. Princess Anne4 per cent. and Princess Margaret 3 per

An overwhelming majority favoured the continuation of a constitutional atomarchy, with ony 15 per cent in favour of a republic with an elected president. A majority thought the media's coverage of the Royal Family was generally fair, but 54 per cent thought Princess Margaret was unfairly treated.

The survey indicated that the only criticism of the Royal Family was that they were too sloof, with Princess Anne being the most out of touch with ordinary people. Most people, however, thought the Monarchy gave good value for

£103,000 for courts Premises of six outer London magistrates' course, at Hendon, Breatford, Feltham, Romford, Croydon and Kingston upon Thames are to be improved by the Greater London Council at

a total cost of £103,000.



was confident the company would be disappointed in the belief that the strike would not be fully supported.

think it would be highly unlikely that he would be hired. However, if in 10 years time We will take anyone on if we think we are right." he said.

"If people think that by taking on one man they can ruin the power of the shop stewards' movement, they are wrong." he has had a better track record with some other company and he comes back to us, he might

"If the union is not prepared to take a secret ballot then Mr Duffy said he still hoped the company would reconsider its decision perhaps there might be some indication from the members at Longbridge as to their feelings how successful a strike call may It is clear that the executive

"I would be prepared to talk again to Mr Duffy, and I would be prepared to listen to Mr Duffy putting compromise pro-posals forward, but I have to but stripped of his convener his time," Mr Horrocka said.

The Birmingham West district committee of the AUEW, which will recovene tonight.

in the trade".

The matter had not, however,

AUEW shop stewards at Long-bridge on Monday. Mr Duffy maintained that he

"They call us moderates, but we are not a load of chickens.

would have been prepared to negotiste a compromise, under which Mr Robinson would have been reinstated as an employee

Mr Duffy said: "Our first priority has been to get him his job back and have him working

been discussed with the company and such a compromise had now been preempted by Mr Horrocks's statement ruling it out.

Busmen in Nortingham are withdrawing late-night services on Fridays and Saturdays for the next three weeks after a number of attacks on crews. was officially instructed to "activate" the strike decision, shortly after a letter bearing Mr Horrock's response was

Civil Service sink their differences

By David Felron Labour Reporter A split among the nine Civil Service unions was averted yesterday when the three main unions compromised; on their plans to form a new negotiating committee and exclude the smaller unions. Decisions to change the

organizaton of the staff side of the Civil Service National Whitley Council were unanimous at the meeting yesterday. The name of the organization is also to be changed to the Council of Civil Service Unions. The most controversial and potentially damaging proposal came from the three large unions led by the Society of Civil and Public Servants. which was unhappy at the lack of backing from the smaller unions when there was indus-trial action in the Civil Service

last year. The society, together with the Civil and Public Services Asse-ciation and the Institution of Professional Civil Servants robessional Civil Servants, wanted to form a top-tier negotiating committee to handle issues of pay and conditions of work. In order to maintain a united from the "gang of three", as they have been described by one of the smaller unions, agreed to other unions joining the committee when

discussions related to their specific areas of influence.

Further reorganization of the staff side includes bigger lay representation on the main body (bringing total membership to 63 compared with 22. at the moment), which will meet quarterly, and an expanded second rier comprising general secretaries of the unions and their deputies and lay representatives, which is a new feature.
Yesterday's agreements will form the basis of a new constitution, which is to be drawn up by March.

Many of the criticisms made of the staff side were seen in some constrers to have been in their deputies and lay represen-

some quarters to have been directed at Mr William Kendall its secretary general, but yesterday's meeting gave him clean bill of health".

Two shot chasing payroll thieves

Two Glasgow men were shot and wounded yesterday as they their company's messengers and stole the payroll of £5,000. The thieves, who were armed with a sawn-off shotgun. escaped in a car which was found abandoned less than a

Bus crews attacked

mile from the company's premises in Woodlands Terrace,

Jail for two of gang who robbed homosexuals

Two members of a gang of berately to exploit and take sentences for offences against Lauderdale Road, Maida Vale, four who set out to pick out advantage of the weaknesses of other homosexuals.

They are Bindas Hussain, were also found guilty of

and rob wealthy homosexuals, were jailed at the Central Criminal Court yesterday for eight years and seven years after being convicted of the manslaughter of an American visitor to London. Judge Succliffe, QC, said to Mohammad Burt, aged 31, and Gilshad Manoh, aged 23, unemployed, both of Queens Road, Upton Park, London: "This would have been much more severe was a very repulsive kind of crime, when criminals, such as you four, set out quite deli-

Union says

BL strike

goes ahead

employment by the company.

If tomorrow he applies as a new recruit in any of our plants the

personnel director would want

to know his track record and I

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be taken on.

or not be.

the crimes you in fact committed impartially.

The judge added: "If the sentences had followed immediately on the trial, they would have been much more severe

The two other members of the gang were given suspended for two years, and Mr Nasi was most years, and Mr Nasi was given a nine-month sentence, also create a suspended for two years.

Mr Butt, who was jailed for cheque eight years, and Mr Manoh, who gether some severe and manufacture of Mr Robert Russel Turman, aged 71, at a flat in April.

other homosexuals.

They are Bindas Hussain, aged 31, of New Half Lane, Preston, Lancashire, and Mohammed Nasi, aged 27, of Natal Road, Ilford, London, unlawfully causing Mr Albert Speer, a visitor from New Guinea, to take an overpowering from him. Mr Nasir was found from him. Mr Nasir was found drug, to enable them to steal from him. Mr Nasir was found not guilty of this charge. Mr Butt and Mr Nasir were also convicted of stealing rings, a camera, passport, travellers cheques, and other articles to-

gether worth E7,325 from Mr Speer at the President Hotel, Russell Square, London, in

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Government's means test plans for assisted places

A one-child family with pre-tax income of £6,000 would pay tax income of £6,000 would pay £354 a year towards independent school tuition fees and a one-child family earning £7,000 would pay £654 a year under the proposed means test for the assisted places scheme announced by the Government vesterday.

yesterday. The proposed lower limit for a grant to cover all the tuition fees, whatever their size, is fees, whatever their size, is £4,100 for a family with one child, and £4,600 for a three-child family. An allowance against income of £300 is made for each dependent child and each dependent adult, excluding the parents.

Parental contributions start

at £15 a year and rise in multi-ples of £3 to the proposed maximum of £894 which a one-child family on £7,800 would be expected to pay. Beyond that level (or £8,100 for a two-child family) the parents would family) the parents would receive no grant at all; if the total tuition fees were less than homes".

Where more than one child holds an assisted place, it is proposed that the parental con-tribution for the first child should be allowed against in-come in assessing the contribu-tion for the second child, and of the first and second for the

third. Child benefit and certain Child benefit and certain disability allowances are also to be deducted from the gross income before assessing the parental contribution. Under the proposed scales, a family with two children would be expected to pay £114 a year toward the fees if they earned £5,300, £354 if they earned £6,300, and £654 if they earned £7,300. Average tuition fees at independent secondary schools are about £1,000 a year.

The Independent Joint

are about £1,000 a year.

The Independent joint Schools Council welcomed the proposed scales as "a sign of the Government's determination to show clearly that the scheme is intended to help children of high ability from less affluent homes."

Numbers of women going to university increase by 10%

didates for science courses were women, and only 5 per cent in engineering and technology, says the annual report of the Admissions, published yester-Universities Central Council on

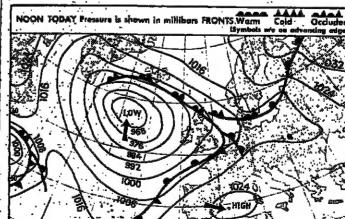
day, which covers the 81 universities and colleges of university status in the United Kingdom. The Open University and the independent University College at Buckingham are at Buckingham are excluded.
Two-fifths of applicants in

Correspondent and law were women, and a third in mathematics and entering university last year dentistry, but only about a were women, compared with quarer in business management studies, economics and But fewer than a third of can-

Women comprised more than two-thirds of applicants in English, European languages, psychology, sociology and edu-cation and a half or more in history, theology, drama and music.
Applications from home

students last September rose by 5.7 per cent over the previous year, and were 2.5 per cent higher than the corresponding increase in the relevant age

Weather forecast and recordings



Today Sun rises: 7.29 am Moon sets: Moon rises: 10.32 am 12.50 am Tomorrow

Lighting up : 5.31 pm to 6.57 am Eigh Water: London Bridge, 5.53 am, 6.3m; 6.21 pm, 6;3m. Avonmouth, 10.56-am; 11.1m; 11.15 pm, 10.6m. Dover, 2.57 am, 5.9m; 3.19 pm, 5.5m. Bull, 10.23 am, 6.1m; 10.27 pm, 6.3m. Liverpool, 3.13 am, 7.8m; 3.25 pm, 7.9m.

A mild, moist S airstream will spread N. as-a trough of low pres-sure moves N. over Scotland Forecasts for 6 am to midnight: London, SE, central S. SW and E England. East Anglia, East Midlands, Chadoel Islands; Mostly cloudy, outbreaks of rain; wind S or SW, moderate or fresh locally, strong or gale in exposed places; max remp 98 to 11°C (48° ro 52°F).

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair;

some bright intervals, occasional showers, heavy at times; wind sor SW, moderate or fresh locally, strong or gale in exposed places; max temp 8" to 10"C (46" to 50"F). max temp 8° to 10°C (46° to 50°F).

Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll: Mostly cloudy, outbreaks of rain, some bright intervals developing, hill fog; wind S, fresh or strong locally; gale in exposed places; max temp 7° to 9°C (45° to 48°F).

Aberdeen, central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE and NW Scotland: Cloudy, sleet or snow especially over high ground turning to rain and dying out from S; mist and fog patches; wind SE strong or gale, veering S, fresh or strong; max temp 5° to 7°C (43° to 45°F).

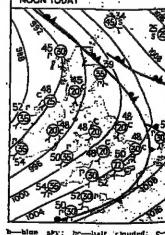
Orkney, Shetland: Cloudy, sleet

Northern Ireland: Rather cloudy,

orkney. Shetland: Cloudy. sleet or snow at thmes turning to rain later; wind E. gale locally. severe gale in exposed places; max temp 2° or 3°C (36° or 37°F).

Sea passages: S North Sea: Wind S to SW strong, occasionally gale; coa rough. wind 5 to 5w strong, occasion-W Midlands, S and N Wales, ally gale; sea rough. NW, central N and NE England, Strait of Dover, English Lake District, Isle of Man. Channel (E): Wind SW strong to



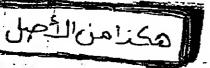


gale; sea rough or very rough.
St George's Channel, Irish Sea:
Wind SW strong to gale, occasionally severe gale; sea very rough.
Outlook for tomorrow and
Sunday: Unsettled and mostly
mild; rather windy.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm (8°C. 46°F); min 6 pm to 6 am (7°C, 45°F). Humidity, 6 pm, 76 per cent. Rain, 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.04 in. Sun, 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.1 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm 1014.7 millibars, falling, 1,000 millibars=29.53 in.

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Law Lords overturn Denning ruling for reopening of inquiry into motorway extensions

Planning Reporter

The House of Lords yesterday overturned a decision by Lord Denning in the Court of Appeal last July that a public inquiry into the proposed M40 and M42 motorway extensions should be reopened.

The decision will come as a bitter blow to anti-roads campaigners who instigated the case as a challenge to inquiry procedures.

A writ was lodged in the High Court by the M42 Action Group in October, 1976, alleging that the inquiry inspector had acted improperly in accepting a claim by the Department of the Environment that methods of forecasting future traffic flows were a matter of

clared that it should be re-opened to consider new infor-mation which had since come of Lords decision showed that Government forecasts were sac-rosanct and could not be chal-

At that time he said that further delay was preferable to leaving the objectors with a sense of grievance. "There has been a deplorable loss of confidence in public inquiries", he said.

But yesterday the Law Lords ruled by a four-to-one majority that Lord Denning was wrong to quash the approval of the motorway proposals by the Secretary of State for the Environment. The latter's appeal was, therefore, upheld.

Dissenting, Lord Edmund. Davies said that the inspector's methods of forecasting future traffic flows were a matter of government policy and could not be challenged at inquiries.

An application for the inquiry to be reopened was rejected by the High Court in December, 1977; but subsequently Lord Denning descriptions of the M40 Action Committee, said last night that the House refusal to allow cross-examina-tion on methods of calculating traffic forecasts meant that objectors were denied a "fair crack of the whip".

lenged. Mr Christopher Milner, Mid-

lands secretary of the British Road Federation, said: The Road Federation, said: "The will of the majority who wanted the motorway has been upheld, and we just hope that it will go ahead as quickly as possible".

That hope may be in vain. Further public inquiries remain to be completed before the full routes of both motorways are established. The Department of Transport indicated vesterday that construction was yesterday that construction was unlikely to start for at least

unlikely to start for at least four or five years.

It may be that, because of cuts in public expenditure, both schemes will be dropped or severely modified in the forthcoming White Paper on roads policy, expected to be published in April.

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faces strong opposition

NF rally in

Belfast

An attempt by the National Front to establish itself in Northern Ireland has provoked urgent consultations between politicians, trade unions and student organizers.

The police have authorized a National Front rally outside the American consualte building in the centre of Belfast on February 23, ostensibly to protest about the United States arms embargo on the Royal Ulster Constabulary.

The students' union at Queen's University, Belfast, plans a counter-demonstration leaving aside the arms question and concentrating its protest on the organization's racial policies.

The Amalgamated Transport and General Workers' Union in Belfast is urgently studying the best response and attempts are being made to call all trade unions together to formulate a joint stand with politicians, students, and local community groups. That might lead to the stablishment of a branch of the Anti-Navi League.

. Mr Tony Gallagher, deputy president of the students' union, said last night: "We are not going to go looking for confrontation because that would suit the National Front. We will not be replying to the issue they are raising because that has been picked merely to give a platform for their more infamous policies."



The Duke of Edinburgh on the new £40m oil rig support vessel MSV T

Duke visits North Sea 'fire extinguisher

yesterday flew 110 miles out fire engine combined. into the North Sea to see the world's most advanced oil rig support vessel and then told Mr" Red " Adair, the fire fighter, that it was "a very expensive fire extinguishear".

The Duke was inaugurating the MSV Tharos, the North Sea's newest and most sophisti-cated support vessel which is

The Duke of Edinburgh a floating hotel, bospital and helped us in every job we have resterday flew 110 miles out fire engine combined. had in the world. It is the resterday the North See to see the The emergency equipment on most advanced thing there is tire engine combined.

The emergency equipment on board the Tharos, which can deal with fires and blow-outs and can also be used for dispersing oil, was based on designs by Mr Adair, who chatted to the Duke for some

minutes as he toured the vessel. "He was asking me about fighting fires in general. I told him this vessel would have

Mr Adair said.

Prince Philip's tour of the £40m vessel, which looks like an oil platform but is capable of moving at more than seven knots, rook him into the diving chambers.

The vessel is operated by the Occidental Consortium,

Young Sikh sues head on ruling over turban

From Our Correspondent

A Sikh schoolboy who passed his examinations for a Birming-ham private school was told by the headmaster that he could not be admitted unless he removed his turban and cut his hair, it was alleged at Birming-ham County Court yesterday. The Commission for Racial The Commission for Raciai Equality, which is supporting an action for damages, is seeking a ruling by Judge Gosling as to whether Sikhs are a racial group who would have protection under the Race Relations

Gurinder Singh Mandla, aged Gurinder Singh Mandla, aged 13, and his father, Mr Sewa Singh Mandla, a solicitor, are claiming that the Park Grove private school in Edgbaston, Birmingham, and Mr A. G. Dowell Lee, the headmaster, were guilty of unlawful discrimination.

They claim damages for in-jured feelings and also say that the boy was discriminated against indirectly by the school enforcing a uniform rule
Mr Mandia, of Caroline Close,
Sandwell Valley, West Bromwich, said that if his son agreed

to the head's terms it would be regarded as an act of disgrace and cowardice by the Sikh

community.

The school say that Sikhs are a religious, and not a racial group, and discrimination on religious grounds is not un-lawful. They also maintain that adherence to school rules is sufficiently important to refuse the boy admission.
The hearing continues today.

Developer threatens lawsuit over delay

By Our Planning Reporter A developer yesterday threat-ened to take legal action against Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for the Environment, over what he considers unneces-

sary delay in approving a pro-posed shopping centre in Hull. Chesterfield Properties Ltd claimed that Mr Heseltine's de-cision to " call in " the planning application just brefore it was approved by Hull City Council was a waste of time and money.

Both the company and the council have applied for the costs incurred at a public inquiry which ended last week, at which not one objector

Mr Roger Wingate, managing director of the company, said yesterday that the department had given no reasons for wishing to incerfere with the plan-ning policies of both the city and county councils. If scheme was not approved before the end of April, the company

would take proceedings in the

High Court.

A city official said that the council supported Chesterfield's position and felt that it had a legitimate grievance. The whole inquiry had been quite unneces-

sarv.
The department said yester-day that it had been concerned about the effect of another proposed shopping scheme in the city, and had considered that the two applications should be examined together.

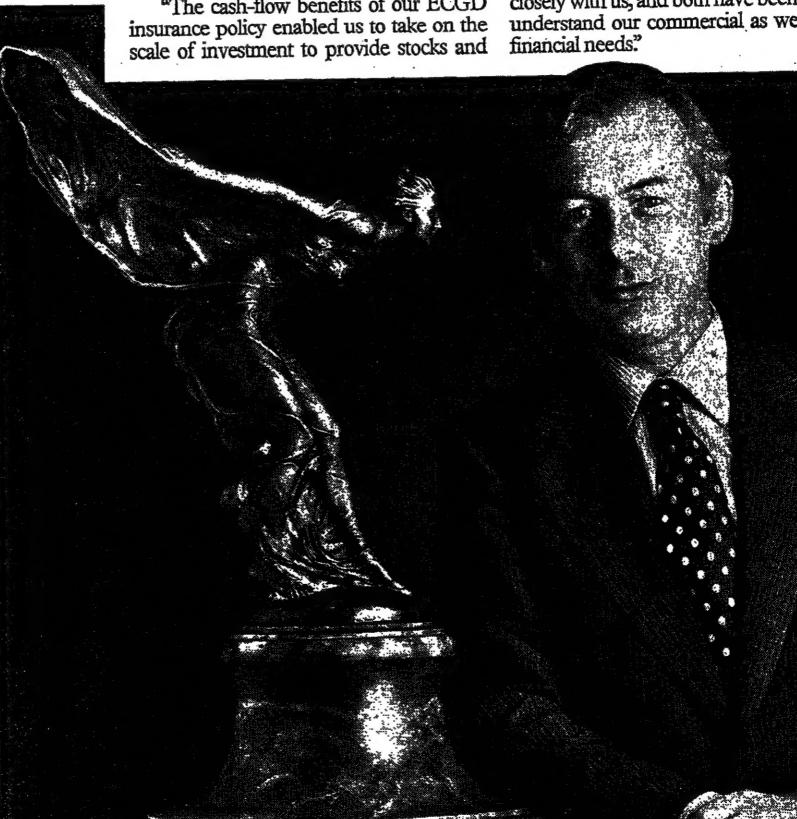
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Wider base for inner city revival urged

Much greater involvement of both private enterprise and local communities is needed if Britain's decaying inner cities are to have any chance of revival. That is the main conclusion of these values of these contracts of these contracts of these contracts of these contracts. clusion of three reports published today by the School of Planning Studies at Reading

The reports are a result of The reports are a result of a comparative study of urban difficulties in Britain, the United States and West Germany, initiated by the International Institute for Environment and Development and sponsored by the German Marshall Fund of Washington, DC.

Mr Douglas Hart, deader of one of the British groups which visited the other two countries, points out in his report that present British inner cities policy is confined to the present between central to partnerships between central and local government and statutory bodies. Such partner-ships effectively exclude both the private sector and local residents. He said yesterday that

explained the partnerships had expressed amazement that private firms had not been invited

to participate.

Mr Lyn Davies, who coordinated the British part of
the project, added that in both
Germany and the United States
there was much greater
emphasis on local responsibility
and much less idea of leaving and much less idea of leaving the responsibility to govern-

Another report, by Rosemary Newsham, observes that in both Germany and the United States there is "a deep-seated belief in the power of small firms to create employment", whereas in Britain concern for small firms is seen as a mere passing

The third report, by Judith Huntley, suggests that Britain should consider copying the American idea of neighbourhood housing services, which are partnerships between resi-dents, local government and private financial institutions to private linancial institutions to revitalize whole districts.

Urban Economic Development (52). Community Enterprise (52.50), Neighbourhood Revitalization (2.50), (School of Plauming Studies, Reading University.)

Union questions minister on future of London hospital and whether it intends to sell that once the hospital is closed

By Annabel Ferriman The National Union of Public Employees has written to Mr
Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of
State for Social Services, asking
whether St George's Hospital,
Hyde Park Corner, London, is
to be sold to the private sector
of medicine after its closure on
Lune 30

Mr Ian Scott a NUPE area. offficer, asks how much of the site is owned by the Department of Health and Social Security

Man 'escaped in suicide pact with brothers'

Charles Appleton, aged 29, told the police how he cheated death in a suicide pact in which his brother died under an express train, Mr H. T. Blakeston, te Ryedale coroner, was told at an inquest at Easing-wold, North Yorkshire,

word, North Yorkshire,

He had said the and his
brother, Brian, aged 44, a farm
worker at Kirby Hill, Boroughbridge. North Yorkshire, laid
their heads across the east coast

Detective Inspector Donald Jobson, of North Yorkshire CID, said Mr Charles Appleton, of Chestnut Grove, Baldersky, near Thirsk, had said: "I lost my nerve and tried to pull Brian away but it was too late."

Mr Charles Appleton refused

my nerve and tried to pull the police.

Brian away but it was too late ". Seven people, including two policemen, were taken to bospotic police

Dead birds and fish tested for canister poison

At present £200,000 is being

spent on scaffolding there, which the union considers "surprising", the letter says.

The DHSS said yesterday that it owned the northern half of the size. The course half are

the site. The southern half was subject to a covenant by which it had to be offered back to its

Dead fish and birds, found on the beach at Worthing, Sussex, yesterday, were being examined to see if they had been contaminated by poisonous fumes from canisters washed ashore from the sunken Greek freighter Aeolian Sky.

Some of the canisters contain arsenic trichloride, which gives off deadly fumes if exposed to

air.

Hundreds of the canisters from the ship, which sank in November off Portland, Dorset, have been found on the Isle of Wight and south coast beaches. The public have been warned not to touch them; but to tell the police.

Seven people, including two

Youth in a temper killed friend with putter

From Our Correspondent

A moment's loss of temper by a boy of 16 caused the death of a friend, it was stated at Manchester Crown Court yester-

day.

Mr John Hugill, QC, for the prosecution, said that during an argument on a putting green in argument on the process of t

a park at Choriton. Manchester, the defendant lashed out with a putter, striking his friend on the head, causing a cerebral haemorrhage from which he died shortly afterwards.

The boy was given a conditionel discharge for two years by Judge Prestt, QC. who said:

"It does not seem to me that either in your interest or in the

this. but I am punishing you for what you did and not for the tragic results of that one single blow.

"You each used violence, but I do not believe that either of you intended seriously to hurt the other."

The boy, from Brunswick,

the other."

The boy, from Brunswick,
Manchester, admitted the manslaughter of his friend, also
aged 16, from Chorlton.

Mr Hugill said that one evening last July, an argument
started after the defendant was
refused permission to join a
game of putting and became
abusive to the other boy. Later
the defendant was butted and the defendent was butted and

It does not seem to me that either in your interest or in the interest of the law it would be appropriate to deprive you of your liberty.

"It may be difficult for the defendant struck out with the putter hitting the other boy on the base of the skull. He tried to bring him round but the other boy died soon afterwards.

BR getting families off the road for their leisure journeys

British Rail has scored a big success in winning traffic back from the private car with its new family railcard.

More than a million journeys have been made in the first nine months of the scheme and jubilant railway managers predict that within five years it will be transferring some 500 million passenger miles a year from road, with a revenue gain of £25m for British Rail and

The family railcard, costing 516 for a year's unlimited travel, per mits spouse and up to four children to travel for 50p each in the company of one full fare-paying adult. It differs from th eother two card schemes, for students and pensioners, by aiming at a market with a high level of car owner-ship and accustomed to car use.

Of more than 60,000 families to more than 60,000 families to invest so far, BR's market research shows the typical case to be a family of two adults and two children, using the card once every six to eight weeks over distances of 200 to 250 miles.

Of 1.300,00 journeys under the scheme, 33 per cent would have been by train anyway; but 28 per cent of travellers would not have made the journey at all, 24 per cent would have gone by car, and 12 per cent by coach.

families with children between five and 15 and with a very high level of car ownership,

half of them company cars.
"So we had to get the travel cost for the family party down to the cost of petrol—and it mustn't matter how big the family is, because they would all go in the same car," he said. BR runs 19,000 trains a day

with an average of 300 seats, of which two thirds are empty for most of the day. The railof £25m for British was petrol savings for the country for most of the day. And the of about 16 million gallons a cards earn extra revenue without any need for extra

without any need for extra trains or seats.

The family railcard is still in its infancy compared with the other two schemes, which have been running for five years and sell 400,000 and a million a year respectively, earing BR about £65m a year; but rail planners are already looking for ways of widening the breach they have opened in the carowning market.

A businessman's railcard, encouraging the regular busi-

encouraging the regular busi-ness traveller to take his family at weekends and holidays, is one possibility; another is one aimed at mature parents whose family have left home and have more time and money for leisure wavel. The young person up to mid-twenties (rather than just the full-time student, as now) is a third. "The skill in 1980 and beyond will be finding of directing people to those empty seats," Mr Rayner says.

17% fares rise sought by British Caledonian

In an effort to keep pace with rising operational costs. British Caledonian applied yesterday to the Civil Aviation Authority for permission to increase its domestic fares by 17 per cent. The increases would take effect from April 1 and would make the single fare between London and Glasgow or Edin-burgh £49, compared with £42 a: present. British Caledonian is also applying for an off-peak single fare between London and Ecinburgh of £20.

Earlier this week the Civil Aviation Authority received epolications from most British airmes for increases in domestic fares averaging 12.5 per cent. The applications cited ris-ing costs, particularly fuel and airport charges.

British Airways asked for the single fare between London and Belfast to be raised from £38 to £43, and for that between London and Manchester to go up from £27 to £33.

Green beacons

on doctors' cars

in an emergency

Correspondent
Doctors will be able to use

flashing or rotating green

beacons on their cars when

answering emergency calls under regulations laid before

Parliament yesterday by Mr Norman Fowler, Minister of Transport. The regulations will

Mr Fowler said yesterday:
"By making doctors' cars more
casily recognizable we will be

helping them to reach emer-

heacon as they are now to the traditional blue flashing light."

Doctors' cars using green heacons will not be given high

speed priority or any legal immunity from observing either

speed limits or traffic signals. The regulations will also

allow blue beacons on vehicles carrying human tissues for transplanting or similar pur-

noses and amber beacons on

vehicles owned by the Board of

Customs and Excise and used for testing fuels.

Refitting nuclear

submarine starts

Refitting Swiftsure, the nuclear submarine, will begin in six weeks after a 12-month

delay at Devonport na ral base over piecework rates and shift

Preliminary work will start as the submarine lies in dock.

The refit is expected to be completed by the spring of 1982.

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for a £1 surcharge on flights on the main domestic trunk routes to meet rises of 95 per cent in sirport security charges im-posed by the Department of Trade.

A delegation from the International Air Transport Associa-tion, led by the director general, Mr Knut Hammarsk-jold, representing all the Euro-pean airlines, has visited the Department of Trade to protest about the size of the circust about the size of the rises. At the same time the Board

of Airline Representatives in the United Kingdom (Baruk) has lodged a formal protest with the Department of Trade on the subject. Baruk said: "The airlines are aghast at the new level for the security levy.

"In 1977, the airlines were responsible for undertaking security services with an associated cost of 20p per departing passenger, one eighth of the level now proposed."

Whitelaw reply on abductor of girls By Peter Evans Rome Affairs Correspondent Mr William Whitelaw, Home

Secretary, replied yesterday to a call by a judge for an investi-gation into why the Home Office ignored a probation officer's returned to jail four months before he abducted two young

Judge Meurig Evans said at Mold Crown Court, Clwyd, on Monday that he echoed the probation officer's thoughts that John Victor Subrenski aged 64, father of five children, should not be released "as long as his bealth and strength lasts".

bealth and strength lasts.".

Mr Whitelaw agreed yesterday in a written answer to a parliamentary question by Sir Anthony Meyer, Conservative MP for West Flint, that in May, 1979, Mr Subrenski's supervising officer reported that his attitude to supervision had been unsatisfactory and suggested that his licence should be revoked, if only for a limited period, to impress on him the need to comply fully with his obligations under the supervision conditions of his licence. "There was no suggestion of

"There was no suggestion of immediate danger to other persons requiring emergency action", Mr Whitelaw said. Mr Subrenski was convicted

Mr Subrenski was convicted in 1957 for indecently assaulting a girl aged eight and raping another aged nine, and was sentenced to life imprisonment. In April, 1976, the Parole Board's recommendation that he should be released was accepted. Mr Subrenski was released on April 29, 1977,

The court at Mold was told that the two girls aged seven

that the two girls, aged seven and eight, were saved from per-manent harm by a young couple who followed Mr Subrenski's car and told the police. He was

jailed for four years.

Mr Whitelaw said yesterday that, after receiving the supervising officer's report, the case
was considered by a panel of
the Parole Board on June 22.

"The panel decided that they
were not satisfied that recall was justified but that Mr Subrenski should be warned that if he continued to behave in the same way he could expect his licence to be revoked. The Home Secretary was under the 1967 Act bound by that deci-

On September 7 the Home Office was informed that Mr Subrenski had been charged with abducting two small girls and had been remanded in cus-tody until the following day. His licence was immediately

Mr Whitelaw said: "Mr Subrenski will continue to be detained under his life sentence for as long as is judged to be necessary. This will be until the Home Secretary of the day is as satisfied as it is reasonably possible that he no longer presents a risk to children."

dealing with code members than

He was commenting on a survey by his office of British garages in which the performance of 216 code members was

compared with that of 84 non-

code members. The only signifi-

cant improvement since 1977 was that more used-car dealers

were making efforts to verify a vehicle's mileage.

tion, which supports the code, said yesterday that where there was evidence that members had

failed to observe the code it would continue to do all in its power to bring them into line.

The Motor Agents' Associa-

Garage complaints rise

Complaints about new and used cars have increased steadily over the past two years despite the motor industry Code of Practice, according to the Office of Fair Trading.

Mr Gordon Borrie, director general of fair trading, said yesterday: "Overall there appears to have been little sig-nificant improvement in the code's operation in the past two

Mr Borrie added that there was evidence that consumers were likely to be better off

gency cases more quickly. I hope motorists will be as responsive to the flashing green Dublin director accused of kidnapping

Colin Patrick McIvor, aged 50, managing director of a weaving firm was remanded in custody for a week by magistrates at Stockport, Greater Manchester, yesterday accused of kidnapping Lady Sugden, the wife of the chief executive of the Co-operative Wholesale Society.

Mr McIvor, of Upper Ely Place, Dublin, was accused of unlawfully stealing and carrying away Lady Sugden against ber will.

ale faces a further charge of demanding £50,000 with menaces from Sir Arthur Sugden, aged 61, who lives with his wife at Old Wool Lane, Cheadle Hulme, near Stockport-

Independent television in shift to factual material

A shift in the type of programmes shown by the inde-pendent television companies towards more informative or factual material is noted in the Independent Television Auth-

ority's year book for 1980. The shift was reflected both in the overall schedule and during the main viewing hours of the evening, the authority

" More local news and current effairs programmes are being made by the individual programme companies spe-cially for their own viewers, particularly in the larger ITV

Two other changes are noted: Less acquired material is being shown—in particular there are fewer programmes from the United States and slightly fewer feature films; and the source of ITV's own production is widening and more programmes from the larger "regional" companies are being seen in other parts of the country.

Programmes of fact and information account for more than

third of ITV's output and in 1978-79 more than 38 per cent of an average company's trans missions, or 39 hours a week, was represented by news, current affairs, documentaries, arts, religion, education and children's informative pro-

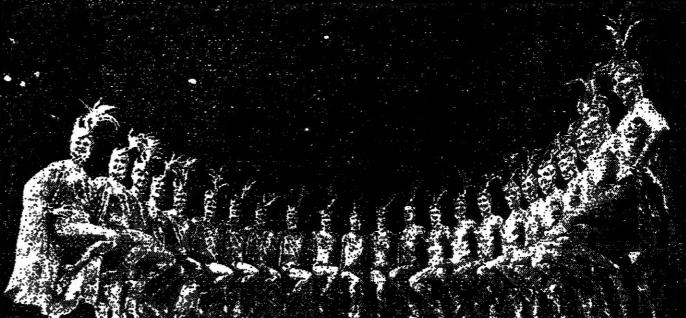
gram mes Narrative programmes—
drama, films—also television
and feature films—also
accounted for about a third of the outpur.

The rest was made up of entertainment and music (20 per cent) and sport (10) per

The authority says that of more than 100 hours of programmes each week nearly half emanate from the five network companies, 10 hours are networked by the 10 regional companies, just over eight hours are purely local, and seven hours are news material from Independent Television News. Sources outside the companies provided about 26 hours of programmes.

Television & Radio 1980. Independent Television Publications, 247 Tottenham Court Road, London

WEEKLY TRANSMISSION HOURS OF THE AVERAGE ITV COMPANY News and news magazines 11.55 2.36 12.20 2.50 13.17 2.24 3.07 Adult education School programmes 1.26 1.58 Pre-school education 1.27 Children's informative INFORMATIVE 38.00 38,43 Plays, drama, TV movies 24.12 22.54 Feature films 8.00 32.39 8.17 NARRATIVE 30.54 33.16 Children's entertainment 7.24 Entertainment and music 13.19 12.13 11.39 20.10 ENTERTAINMENT 19.03 21.36 9.27 10.34 9.15 TOTAL ALL PROGRAMMES 100.41 99.34 102.25 Source: IBA



Well-tuned machine: Anachronistic in their wholesomeness, the Rockettes of Radio City, New York, danced their energetic way into the affections of Londoners yesterday (Trevor Fishlock writes). They are cheerful, long-legged ladies who earn their living by dressing in exiguous iridescent costumes.

By Clifford Longley Religious Affairs

Correspondent
Indications of a gradual change in fortune for the Church of England are contained in the latest set of church statistics, published today, which appear to show a reversal of the long-term trend towards contraction. The latest figures refer to 1978, but church statisticians feel that the

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tained since then.

For the first time since at least 1960, the rate of confir-

least 1960, the rate of confirmations per thousand of the 12 to 20 age group has gone up rather than down, and that result, though a little obscure, is considered to be a key indicator of what is happening. The total number of confirmations started to rise in 1976, and maintained improvement in the two following years (see accompanying graph). A second crucial indicator of the state of the church is the number of ordinations to the priesthood,

shiny stockings and silvery shoes (as well as jaunty feathers in their caps) and who wheel their way around the stage of the Radio City Music Hall in New York, kicking up their legs in unison. They have been doing this for half a century and have become an American institution. Connoisseurs of

than in churches.

More young people confirmed

The difficulty of assessing

religious statistics is shown, however, by the Anglican ordination figures for 1973 and 1974. Rises in those years were prematurely hailed as the beginning of a more optimistic trend, but that was reversed in the bye substance.

the two subsequent years. The general pattern, as far as it

CONFIRMATIONS

the high-kicking art regard them as entirely non-erotic; the Rockettes are sheen as a well-tuned machine, a relic of an age of stricter mores. Yesterday they were giving their high-stepping all at the Albert Hall with the aim of persuading more Britons to visit New

award for which has also risen each year can be detected at the beginning of 1980, gives grounds for a more confident optimism than in 1973, for all the

scaffolder From Our Correspondent

The Church of England still has considerable difficulties in maintaining itself, however, and the statistics show an imbalance in the age structure of An award for injuries said to be a record was agreed at Cardiff Crown Court yesterday when a settlement of £225,000 the ministry
According to a study in July,
1979, there were 8,128 full-time

parochial clergy under 60 and 2.439 over 60. That statistical "bulge" of elderly clergymen will be retiring in the next decade at a rate far in excess of the likely rate of recruitment, even if that continues its children, living with his parents in Croyde Avenue, Llaurumney. appeared in court in a wheelchair. He is a quadriplegic after having sustained multiple injuries, including a fractured spine, in a fall while working on a bridge on the A53 road two years ago:

age structure appears in middle age, with 1,514 clergy aged be-tween 40 and 45 compared with only just over a thousand in the 30 to 35 group and about 1,200 in the 55 to 60 age group. There are fewer than 500 clergy in the are fewer than 500 clergy in the
25 to 30 age group,
Archbishop elected, page 16
Archbishop elected, page 16

£225,000 fall

was announced in favour of Mr John Yates Priestley, aged 37, a scaffolder, of Cardiff.

Mr Priestley, father of three

Mr Priestley, an experienced and highly paid scaffolder, who is now divorced, claimed damages against Contract

Civil Detence Corps, or some-thing similar to it: One of the signatories, Miss Janet Fookes, Conservative MP for Plymouth, Drake, said yes-terday: "We are living in a dangerous world. I am a hawk as far as the Soviet Union is concerned. I don't trust their Government at all." With the flagrant invasion of

With the flagrant invasion of Afghanistan, Britain had to look to its defences to a greater extent, including preparations for protecting civilians, Miss Fookes said.

MPs call for

organization

Seventy MPs had by yester-day signed an early day motion in the Commons urging the

Government to reconstitute the

Civil Defence Corps, or some-

new Civil

Defence

By Our Home Affairs

Fookes said.

When she visited China two years ago, one of the towns she saw had a network of tunnels ready to take the civilian population at time of attack.

Miss Fookes said she had always been interested in civil defence and was kept in touch

always been interested in civil defence and was kept in touch with developments by an area officer of the Devon Emergency Volunteers, who operated from Plymouth's civic centre.

Among the first to sign the motion were Mr Robert Atkins

(Conservative, Preston, North),
Mr John Lee (Conservative,
Nelson and Colne), Viscount
Cranbourne (Conservative,
Dorset, South), Mrs Peggy
Fenner (Conservative, Rochester and Chatham), Mr David Trippier (Conservative, Rossen-dale) and Mr Robin Squire (Conservative, Havering, Hornchurch).

A nationwide voluntary orga-nization, Civil Aid, is to issue survival leaflers, details of which it will disclose next week. The organization has 45 branches in the United Kingdom ad covers in its training all the subjects necessary for civil defence and dealing with disasters. It has submitted a plan to ministers and urges that the booklet Protect and Surviva and other leaflets be made freely available to the public. Details of Protect and Survive were given in The Times yester-

were given in The Times yesterday, although it has not been released to the public.
Civil Aid has as its vice-presidents Lord Shawcross, Lord Renton, Air Chief Marshal Sir William MacDonald, Lady Hodsoll, General Sir Gordon MacMilian of MacMilian and Lord Clifford of Chudleigh.

MP accuses Government over welfare foods

By Our Social Services

The Government is saving £125m by deliberately refusing to tell poor working families of their right to free welfare foods, according to Mr Frank Pield, Labour MP for Birken-

Only 2.5 per cent of the 1,500,000 eligible families claim te benefit, yet the Department of Health and Social Security tising it this year.

"On a very conservative esti-mate the Government is saving £125m by not publicizing this benefit"—Mr Field says in a statement released roday, "But it is a false saving. If

we are going to reduce perinatal and infant mortality amongst the poorest families, as well as reduce infant illhealth, we need to see that the working poor claim this benefit to the full."

Mr Field wrote to Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for

Social Services, urging him to mount a campaign to increase the proportion of working fami-lies claiming free welfare foods and to extend the maternity grant to those now ineligible.
Replying, Mr Reg Prentice,
Minister for Social Security, deplored "the wide "social class
differences in perimaral and infant mortality" in Britain, but said there was some comfort in the reductions in mortality rates Government was proceeding with its study on the implica-

But he ruled out any further advertising of free welfare foods, whose budget for 1979-80 £23,000 the previous year was £22,000, compared with Instances had always been

few of poorer families claiming welfare foods who did not re-ceive the benefit automatically because they were already claiming either supplementary benefit or family income supple-

Restoring health of economy 'is main task'

By Pat Healey Social Services Correspondent The Government must hold back on pension increases, local government spending and even on extending help for the dis-abled, Mr Patrick Jenkin, Sec-retary of State for Social Services, said in London yesterday.

Restoring the country's economic health must be the priority, Mr Jenkin told the closing session of the four-day Ageing in the 1980s conference organized by Age Concern. "If we can discipline ourselves then we can come through
this period of restraint and
begin to build again the better
society we all seek", Mr Jenkin
said. "In the meantime there

are not enough resources to do Mr Jenkin said he hoped to publish a white paper on the elderly later this year. It would

set out the Government's policy and provide a guide to everyone concerned with the wellbeing of elderly people in the 1980s. He made it clear that the voluntary sectors should take a growing role in helping old people. "It is an odd kind of caring paying one's PAYE or writing out a cheque for the rates," he said. "Of course the statu-

tory services have a key role to play in the community; but they are not and never can be the sole providers of care." Statutory agencies had an important back-up role in helping the voluntary sector to channel people's good will and ability to care beyond their own family. They also had to act as a longstop for the very special needs.

Driving test delay cut

Figures from the Department of Transport show that the average wait for a driving test has fallen by two weeks to 26 weeks. The waiting time could be cut further if the winter remains mild, averting cancellations through bad weather.

'French threat' to doorstep milk deliveries appear, and the potential supply with few extra jobs will be vast, especially in from higher shop sales.

By Nicholas Timmins The Government should safeguard doorstep milk deliveries for as long as possible, Mr Stephen Roberts, chairman of

upwards trend.
A further imbalance in the

the Milk Marketing Board, said yesterday.

A decline in deliveries, the

board believes, would mean a fall in consumption, smaller returns to dairy farmers, job losses in the 40,000-member delivery system and the closure of some dairies.

agriculture, Mr Roberts said he believed doorstep deliveries were under threat, especially from imported French although the threat was "some way off ". In a memorandum to the

committee, the board says that "sooner or later" legal barriers in the form of health regulations that effectively prevent if they did not, jobs would be milk being imported, will dis- lost in the distribution system

on packaging.

The board argues that if milk is imported for sale through shops and supermarkets, it will elivery system and the closure be cheaper than delivered from dairies.

In evidence to the House of price war and milk being used

> other EEC countries. Delivery costs would rise as shops took a greater share of sales, widening the price gap and leading to a progressive erosion of milk rounds.

Because consumers would not want to carry large amounts of milk from shops, the board believes sales would fall. Even

will be vast, especially in summer."

The French have been attempting to export milk to Britain since 1977, but they have been prevented from doing so by British health regulations would face higher delivery

The board says that it recognizes that within the EEC there are difficulties in ensuring that imported liquid milk is permanently excluded.

Although first imports are likely to be "long-life" milk, which enjoys limited popularity in Britain, improved processing. packaging and transport mean that imports of pasteurized

milk cannot be ruled out. The board believes that longlife milk from France could be sold in shops at or below the doorstep price. The 12p increase on most milks due on February 1? would " clearly make imports? highly competitive".



Comedian's arthritis: Eric Morecambe was serious for a few minutes yesterday when he received a cheque for £5,000 on behalf of St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, for research into rheumatism and arthritis, and disclosed that he had begun to suffer from arthritis. He said: "I am petrified about it". He presented the cheque on behalf of the order of the Imperial Society of Knights Bachelor. Mr Morecambe was soon joking again with Sister Leonora

Boy tricked bank cashiers with outdated notes From Our Correspondent

A boy, aged 15, said to be brighter than average, who tricked bank cashiers into paying him £3,500 for worthless Brazilian banknotes, was fined E200 and placed on probation for two years at Brighton Juvenile Court yesterday. He admitted 19 offences of theft or

admitted 15 offences
attempted theft.
The court was told that the
boy found the old notes in his
weed them as toy attic. He used them as toy money" in family card games before changing them for sterling at banks in London, Sussex, Surrey and Kent.
Cashiers did not notice that
the Brazilian cruzeiro notes were of a type that went out of circulation four years ago. The boy was said to have spent most of the money on taking friends out for taxi rides to pop concerts. The police recovered only £850. Mr Andrew Radcliffe, for the defence, said the boy went off the reals after his father died.

M1 bridge demolition A footbridge over the M1 at the Rothersthorpe service area, Northamptonshire, is to be

pulled down tomorrow. Traffic

will be diverted. Scientologists lose extradition plea

Two senior officials of the Church of Scientology at East Grinstead, Sussex, were refused leave yesterday to appeal to the House of Lords against orders for their extradition to the United States to face burglary charges.

The United States Govern-

ment alleges that scientologists in the United States, acting on instructions from Mrs Jane Kember and Mr Morrison Budlong at East Grinstead, broke into offices in Washington of the Inland Revenue Service and the Department of Justices The burglars used govern-ment material to take photocopies of documents relating to the Church of Scientology and its adherents.

Mrs Kember, a British sub-

ject, and Mr Budlong an American, argued that they were engaged in an attempt to change the policy of the United States Government towards scientology and that the burglaries were committed towards that end. Mr Louis Blom-Cooper, QC,

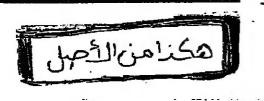
for Mrs Kember and Mr Budlong, told a House of Lords Appeal Committee that the burglary had merely involved going into public premises and taking away photo-copying paper worth \$100 or less. What the United States Government was con-cerned about was the information which the photocopying paper had on it, internal, secret information about the Church of Scientology.
Counsel said the offence was

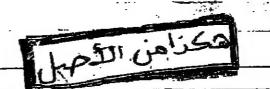
political act, and, therefore, in a last attempt to avoid extradition.

Lord Edmund-Davies, Lord Fraser of Tullybelton and Lord Russell of Killowen refused leave to appeal against a Queen's Bench Divisional Court ruling last Nevember upholding extradition orders made against Mrs Kember and Mr Budlong by Metropolitan magistrate.

The Church of Scientology said later that Mrs Kember and Mr Budlong would be seeking to petition the Home Secretary in a last attempt to avoid extra dition.

Later at the High Court, Mrs Kember and Mr Budlong were granted bail of £10,000 each pending their petition.





Civil Farm price particle will put up British anization food costs by £150m Michael Hornsby The minimum the EEC's of become dairy pro walker, the Minister, is the Minister, is the Minister, is the walker, the Minister, is the walker, the minimum of the EEC's walker, the Minister, is the walker.

Brusseis, ren /
An increase in the minimum prices guaranteed to the EEC's eigst million farmers of between 1.5 and 3.5 per cent for the 1980-81 marketing year was announced her today by Mr Finn Olaw Gundelach, the Commissioner for Agriculture. Finn Olaw Gundelach, the Commissioner for Agriculture.

It is estimated that this would put up consumer prices by 0.1 per cent and food prices in the shops by 0.8 per cent. This suggests an increase of about £150m in consumer expenditure on food in Britain.

The dowest increases are reserved for milk and sugar, the two products in biggest surplus in the Community. A 1.5 percent rise is also proposed for beef but this is partly offset by a new subsidy to encourage specialized beef production. specialized beet production.

Mr Gundelach made clear that no price rises could be justified at all for milk and sugar unless these increases were coupled with related measures to curb over-production in these two sectors, which consume more than half of all sericultural expenditure. sgricultural expenditure.

"These proposals form a whole", Mr Gundelach deckared. "If one element is rejected, then we would have to reconsider the whole pack age." However, he declined to give an assurance that the Commission would withdraw its proposals if member-states did

not accept his view. In addition to an existing 1.5 per cent tax on milk produces, Mr Gundelach has proposed a penal tax of more than 80 per cent on all milk deliveries to dairies in excess of 99 per cent er cent tax on milk producers,

In effect, this means that derries would have to meet the full cost of disposing of this excess so that increased production would be made uneconomic. If agreed, it would be the most step ever taken by the EEC to restrain dairy pro-

There will be fierce opposition from many member-states, and not least from Britain. Despite the British desire to agricultural surpluses

curbed, the Coverament thinks
Mr Gundelach's proposals
could pelaize Britain's relatively
efficient dairy producers
Another shock for Mr eter
Walker, the Agricultural
Minister, is that Mr Gundelach's proposals do not envisage
a renewal of Britain's wholly
EEC-financed consumer subsidy
on butter. At present this keeps
the shop price of butter 12p to
13p a lb' below what it would
otherwise be, and is worth
some 165m to the Exchequer.
Mr Gundelach said that it
would be difficult to justify
this subsidy in the current
climate of budgetary
stringency.

stringency.

In the sugar section, where production exceeds consump-tons, Mr Gundelach is propos-ing to reduce the amounts of sugar production covered by price guarantees by some 7 per cent below the best production levels attained in the last two

A fierce bartle between member-states over the price proposals now lies asead. Mr Walker has said that he does not think there should be any price increase at all for pro-ducts in chronic surplus such as milk and sugar. But the French have made clear that if Britain wants ony help in reducing its contribution to the EEC budget it will have to soft-pedal its arrack on the common agri-

Proposals attacked: The Commission's proposals were attacked as "harsh and discriminatory" by Mr Richard Butler, President of the National Farmers' Union.

The increase in farm support prices averaged about 21 per cent, he said, and "is totally inadequate when set against escalating British input costs and the severe deterioration in farm income ".

The NFU firmly supported the request by Copa, the EEC farmers' organization, for a 7.9 per cent increase. "This is one of the essential measures that has to be taken if the drop in British real farm income, 25 per



Señor Cájel, assisted by his wife, enters the Red Cross hospital in Madrid.

good health.

Siege envoy feared for his life

ambassador

Guatemala City hospital

From Harry Debelius Madrid, Feb 7

The only living survivor of the holocaust at the Spanish Friday shortly after the only Embassy in Guatemala, the Am- other survivor-at the timebassador Señor Maximo Cájal, arrived here today, a week after the police assault on the embassy ended in tragedy.

Señor Cájal, his hands bandaged and his voice showing evidence of strain, said that

when the bullet-riddled body of the other survivor, one of the farm workers who had occupied the embassy, was dumped on

the embassy assault and fire the university campus was abducted from the same Meanwhile, the occupation of bospital. Señor Cajal then went the Spanish embassy in Santo the United States Embassy Salvador which began on Tueston the United States Embassy Salvador which began on Tueston the United States Embassy Salvador which began on Tueston the United States Embassy Salvador which began on Tueston the United States Embassy Salvador which began on Tueston the United States and Salvador which began on Tueston the United States and Salvador which began on Tueston the United States and Salvador which began on Tueston the United States and Salvador which began on Tueston the United States and Salvador which began on Tueston the United States and Salvador which began on Tueston the United States and Salvador which began on Tueston the Salvador which beg in Guatemala City, where he day continued after the authori-remained in fear of assassinaties threed eight of the 16 tion, until he boarded the prisoners whose release was de-Madrid-bound flight yesterday. manded.

French Communists losing Socialist vote

From Our Own Correspondent Paris, Feb 7

The French Communist Party has been voicing much indigna-tion over the desertion of Socialist voters to the right-wing candidate in last Sunday's Moulineaux, a working class district west of Paris. The swing led to the defeat of the Communist candidate, who otherwise would have been

elected.
This is by no means the first sign that moderate left-wing roters are being estranged by the feud between Socialists and Communists, and the latter's increasing alignment on Mos-

recreasing augment on Mos-cow's foreign policy.

The Issy-les-Moulineaux re-sults are highly significant.

The Left polled more than 62 per cent of the votes in the first ballot, and dropped to less than 44 per cent in the second-More than 700 Socialisy votes, are one third of those cast in More than 700 Socialist votes, or one third of those cast in the first ballot, failed to switch to the Communist candidate, M. Guy Ducolonne, in the second. The Giscardian candidate won by a majority of more than 1,600 votes, whereas in 1977, he had only scraped through with 44.

L'Hummité, the Communist organ pinned the blame on the

organ pinged the blame on the Socialists' anti-Communist campaign. Once again, it said, the Socialists bore full responsibi-

lity for the victory of the candidate of the right.

However the Socialist Party retorted that the real cause was the east. A statement by its national secretariat last week said this was responsible for the defeat of five Socialist candidates in recent local

elections.
And M Pierre Beregovoy, member of the secretariat, insisted that M Marchais, the Communist Secretary General, and his party leadership had "chosen a return to the bayen of Sovier orthodoxy rather than

Paris film on Lenin

Moscow, Feb 7.—The Soviet Mosfilm studios are to make a film in Paris and its suburbs on Lenin's life in France, Tass reported today. Lenin was in Paris from 1908 to 1912.

In the meantime, the reaction of many left-wing voters seems on be to call a plague on both the Socialists' and Communists' the Socialists' and Communists' houses. They do not understand why the Socialist leaders, in spite of the constant humilitations they have to endure at the hand of Communist propaganda, should persist in their loyalty to an alliance, which the Communists reject, thus insuring as they did last Friday, that for the first time in this country a Communist should be elected presimunist should be elected president of a regional assembly. This occurred in Picardy, thanks to the unanimous backing of the Socialist and left-wing radical members of the regional coun-

Ironically, in July, 1979, the outgoing president, a centrist Senator, was reelected because the Communists and Socialists could not agree.

Most probably, next Sunday, in the Aube, a member of the right-wing majority will be returned to the departmental assembly in the second ballot of a by-election, although the Communist candidate led the roll in the first ballot four. pall in the first halfor four days ago. In this district, the Left has lost about one third of supporters since the parliamentary elections last March.

There are increasing signs that not only Socialist voters, but also Socialist members of local assemblies are refusing to observe their party leadershin's exhorterious to stick to the Union of the Left with the Communists, come hell or high water, and are prepared to side with the majority rather than with the supporters of M Marchais.

This makes Le Figoro remark that the real cleavage between Right and Left is not between the Giscardian UDF and the left-wing radicals, but Marxist and berween Marxist Marxist Socialists.

No train in Spain

Madrid, Feb 7.—Spanish trains are due to come to a nationwide halt tomorrow when all 72,000 railway workers plan a 24-hour strike for better pay,

Hassan party returned to power in Gibraltar

From Our Correspondent Gibraltar, Feb 7

All eight candidates of the Gibraltar Labour Party Associ-ation for the Advancement of Civil Rights led by Sir Joshuu Hassan, the Chief Minister, were returned to the House of were returned to the noise of Assembly in yesterday's election. This gives them the majority of one in the 15-1.... house which they had sought.

The Democratic Party for British Gibraltar (DPBG) led by Mr Peter Isola bad six candidates returned. They will join Mr Joe Bossano, the sole elected candidate of the Gibraltar Socialist Labour Party, on the Opposition benches, Mr Bossano who was one of six candidates. who was one of six candidates standing for his party, had a personal triumph in polling only 64 votes less than Sir Joshua

Hassan. The return of the Hassan Government will mean little change in Gibraltar's domestic affairs but it reflects the desire of the Gibraltarians to maintain the cautious Hassan approach to the problem of relations with Spain, Gibraltar continues to live with a closed frontier and other restrictions imposed on the Rock 12 years ago by the Franco regime in its attempt to recover the territory.

An indication of support for the Government's attitude is the fact that the three candi-dates of the Party for the Auto-nomy of Gibraltar came bottom of the poll.

This party advocated a settle-ment with Spain in which Gibraltar would obtain Anglo-Spanish guarantees of autonomy. The DPBG leans more towards Britain and Mr Bossano s strongly of the opinion that there should not even be talks with Spain as it has no right to a say in the affairs of the Rock. Sir Joshua Hassan will go

into his next four-year term of office as Chief Minister with the continuing task of defending Gibraltarian interests whenever Britain and Spain get to gether to discuss the future of the 20,000 population and their the second stoppage in a week. territory.

Tube ready to ease Rome traffic From Peter Nichols

Rome, Feb 7 It was a moment out of time this morning to watch the names of Rome's ancient districts go by : Re di Roma, Lepanto, Man-zoni or Colli Albani. A few of us were travelling on the city's new underground, which the public will be able to use from saturday of next week.

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sted notes

This first line runs from Anagoma in the south-east of the city to Via Ottaviano near the Varican to the north west. It is about ten miles long and passes under much of the most heavily populated areas of city-and certainly some of the most densely populated in terms of motor-traffic-including the main railway station, Piazza Barberini and the Piazza di Spagna. It is estimated that it will reduce traffic above the line by 15 to 20 per cent.

It is very slient by compari-son with the London Under-ground and much more spaground and much more spa-cious. It has few seems but room for more than 200 passengers in each of the four carriages making up the train. The lack of seats will probably be wel-come to Romans, who are used to the idea that it costs much more to sit down, whether in a bar or a pizzeria. The names of the 22 stations are in them-selves a beautiful thing to watch go by. It will be the same old urban desert what-ever station you get out at but ever station you get out at but at least the prospect from underneath is exhibitating.

construction of the line was authorized by law in 1958 but there have been delays ascribed to archaeological finds, caveins, labour problems, ecological objections, bureaucratic bitches—all of which amount me a nor-

all of which amount to a normal Roman operation.

Today Signor Luigi Preti, the Societ Democrat Minister of Transport, settled in his seat behind a high fur collar with Signor Luigi Petroselli, the Communist Mayor, next to him in a cloth cap. The movement was smooth, the stations were empty, and people were wondering when this immsculate, electronically-ordered wonder which represents the biggest step ever made in improving Rome's public transport would for the first time become the scene of murder or violence. It looks elegant but vulnerable.

Salt leaves bad taste in **Alsace and Lorraine**

Paris, Feb 7

The sait agreement, or lack of it, is clearly leaving a bad taste in the mouths of the people of eastern France. The result is that Alsace and Lorraine have fallen out.

The quarrel burst into the open today with a series of angry full-page advertisements in many of the French news-papers paid for by the Franch

The crowble began early in December when the Covernment backed away from certain defeat in the National Assembly by withdrawing its proposal for ratification of the Bonn con problem is solved the Gover vention for cleaning up the Rhine.

The convention had been signed in 1976 by France and the other four countries which border the Rhipe-West Ger-many, Switzerland, Luxem-bourg and Holland. If ratified by France it would have meant that salt now produced as a by-product in the Alsation pot-ash mines would have to be pumped as brine a mile below the ground.

As all-party political alliance was formed to quash this scheme which the Alsatians claimed would poison their land. Instead they pressed for a plan to hulld a sait plant in Alsace

Barriers protect

From Our Own Correspondent Bonn, Feb 7

Rhine flooded higher.

Some parliamentary staff were evacuated from their quarters. Troops stood by with generator forries, in case the electricity supply falled.

Elsewhere along the Rhine, troops and civilians laid sandhags alongside the river's banks and houses. The level of the water rose to about 27 feet above the watermark, and worse flooding was forecast for

Bundestag

against flood

with a capacity of a million tons a year. This idea, put to the Rhine

Commission on January 28, has infuriated the people of Lor-raine, because Lorraine is one of the main salt-producing areas there is one commodity Europe is not short of it is sait, which is why their mines only run at three-quarters of their potential. Salt mining in Lorraine pro-vides good jobs in a depressed region and the fear is that an Alsatian, plant would cost 1,000 of those jobs. On the other hand, Potash mining in Alsace is also a good source of jobs and the fear is that unless the pollution

ment will shut the mines. Paris, in fact, is known to favour the original scheme of pumping brine below ground. At the same time it seems powerless to overcome the allparty alliance against the pro-ject in the National Assembly. Meanwhile, the Dutch who draw 65 per cent of their fresh water from the Rhine, are be-coming increasingly angry about the French failure to ratify the

Bonn convention.

French officials hope to present a solution to the next Rhine Commission meeting in Paris on May 9. The vociferous opposition from Lorraine makes it more difficult for them to

German parties join battle on broadcasting

From Our Own Correspondent Bonn, Feb 7 Steel stockades were erected beside the Bundestag have today, and pumps raised water from the basement level, as the Rhine flooded higher. What promises to be a long and tough political fight over broadcasting broke out today, when the Christian Democrat Prime Ministers of Lower Saxony and Schleswig-Holstein signed a contract to transform the present North German broadcasting corporation.

The contract would restrict the Norddeutscher Rundfunk the Norddeutscher Rundunk (NDR) to serving only their two Länder, leaving the third owner, Social Democrat Hamburg, to fend for itself. It would also introduce commercial broadcasting. Here Hans-Ulrich Klose, Hamburg's mayor, described the move today as unconstitutional.

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French Africa expert dies in crash

flooding was forecast

The towns of Koblenz, Neuwied and Speyer were flooded in parts.

morrow.

From Charles Hargrove

From Charles Hargrove
Paris, Feb 7

M René Journiac, President
Ciscard d'Estaing's personal advisor on African affairs, who
played a key part in the spectacular French moves in Africa
in the past three years, died last
night in an air crash in
northern Cameroon. He was
travelling from Nojamena to
Libreville in one of the private
aircraft of President Bongo of
Gabon with whom he was due
to have talks before returning
to Paris. to Paris.

The pilot Colonel Layigui, a nephew of President Bongo, and a French officer serving as flight mechanic under contract in Gabon, were also killed. No foul play is suspected.

President Giscard d'Estaing, it was announced at the Elysée Palace, was "deeply affected". M Journiac had been his adviser since 1974, was responsible for contacts with African heads of

Something of a mystery man

to the public, M Journiac was 59. He had a thorough know-ledge of Africa and personal ties with the leaders of the French-speaking African countries, which he acquired from 1966 to 1974 as deputy to M Jacques Foccart. The General Secretary for African Affairs, and the "grey eminence" of both General de Gaulle and President Pompidou.

When President Giscard of Estaing was elected in 1974, one of the demonstrations of his new reformist approach to government was to suppress the General Secretariat. It had become the butt of a good deal of criticism in political circles and the press for its excessive and occult role, though it was much appreciated by African governments.

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ments.

But M Journac was kept on as a personal adviser, thus insuring a certain degree of continuity, if on a less influential plane, and with a distinct in style. change in style.

delicate negotiations for the release of Mme Françoise Claustre, the French ethnologist, held hostage by the Tubu rabels in Chad.

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Olympics

crisis

'face worst

Committee (IOC) yesterday des-

Olympic movement as the most critical since it was revived by

preparation for the Winter Games to be opened next Wed-

thrown at him. But there was no

able, morally and legally, to bow to government pressure by mov-ing the games. We should not allow ourselves to be dictated to by governments on where we

a ruling from the court at Plate-

a judgment on his claim of dis-

That is how he regards, for legal purposes at least, the IOC ruling that he should appear under the banner of the Chinese Taipeh Olympic Committee rather than that of the Republic of China Olympic Committee. Greek offer: Lord Killanin has said in a letter to Mr. Kara-

said in a letter to Mr Kara-manlis, the Greek Prime Mini-

ster, that the right time for the

recommendation of a permanent site for the Olympic Games,

would be the Olympic Congress

which the IOC would organize in October 1981.

to Lord Killanin on January 28 offering a "neutral" site in

ancient Olympia where the games were held in antiquity, in order to save the Olympic idea from politics and com-

The Greek Prime Minister's

leter is on the IOC's agenda for its eighty-second meeting in Lake Placid this week. But the

Olympic Congress in 1981 will be attended by representatives of all recognized international

been killed in a clash on the border of South-West Africa (Nambia) and Angola, it was

ennounced in Windhoek today.

Major-General Jan Gelden-huys South African Army chief

in the territory, said the clash resulted from a follow-up opera-

tion after a Swapo ambush on Monday in which four South Africans and six guerrillas were

After the ambush, the general

said, the remaining guerrillas fled across the Angolan border.

He did not say today if the follow-up operation had involved South Africans crossing the border but the Government

has frequently claimed the right

of "hot pursuit" against the

No figures of wounded were given but the number of men

Fifteen killed

Mr Karamanlis had written

Schlesinger call for redeployment of US forces into Indian Ocean and higher Nato defence spending

Bonn, Feb 7

Mr James Schlesinger, the former United States Defence Secretary, today called for a redeployment of American forces into the Indian Ocean and substantial increases in defence spending by Nato members to counteract the Soviet intervention of Afghanistan.

He called on West Germany to increase the number of its troops and tanks. West Germany's tank inventory, he said, was "scarcely higher than that of a Middle Eastern country". Mr Schlesigner, a Republican, has had talks here with govern-ment and opposition politicians about the international situation. He told a press conference that although he was here as a private citizen his journey was "known to various members of the Administration".

He said he had been putting more bluntly suggestions which had been raised to the Germans indirectly by people in office.

A Defence Ministry spokes-man declined to comment on his remarks. Officials pointed out, however, that aithough West Germany was unlikely to reach the desired target of 3 per cent increase in defence spending this year, its spending on equipment had risen by 7

indivisible,

as in fact it was the Russians

But the tough tone of the

summit declaration makes all this look increasingly pie in the sky. The Western allies are

Moscow immediately blame America for exerting pressure

on its Nato allies. Britain, the habitual villain, was accused of

acting as Washington's go-be-

Paris and Bonn had concerted their assessments of the

German governments were using double standards; for the sake of solidarity with the

Americans they had ignored the undeclared war on Afg-hanistan waged by their ollies—presumably Britain and

Tass challenged President Carter's assertion that détente was indivisible. This, the

agency said, assumed that the

Russians should not support

national liberation movements

and should not react to any crises provoked by the West, even when Soviet security was

The Russians would not agree to this, and Tass repeated the Soviet view that

détente did not imply an end to the world class struggle. "While categorically rejecting

the 'export of revolution' our country remains loyal to prole-tarian internationalism and

class solidarity."
Tass said that in spite of

to any degree jeopardize the destines of detente in Europe".

and West Germany no longer

appear to agree with such a proposition.

Tass said detente was indivi-sible only in the sense that politicians in the West could

not hypocritically call for a consinuation of the policy and

at the same time express soli-darity with the United States

policy of frustrating it, boy-cotting the Olympic Games and curtailing contacts with the Soviet Union.

From Our Own Correspondent

Tunisia and Libva have

asked for an urgent meeting of the Arab League because of last week's rising in the Runi-

sian mining town of Gafsa. The Libyans have also called for meetings of the Organization of African Unity, the Islamic Conference and the Organiza-

tion of non-Aligned Countries, to examine "the French inva-

M Charles Malo, the French

Ambassador to Libya, returend

to Paris today, having been recalled after his embassy was

sacked on Monday. Relations

between the two countrees are at their lowest ebb, and Tripoli

radio has broadcast claims that

the Sahara will become another Dien Bien Phu for France "with the bodies of thousands of soldieRs exposed

to the ravens and vultures".

Tunisia, which was given french air transport assistance when about 300 guerrillas attacked Gafsa, has demanded

the meeting of the Arab League to Protest at "the

aggression perpetrated at the instigation of the Libyan

The signs are that Tunisia

has approached the league

after making discreet sound

sion of Tunisia".

Paris, Feb 7

Arab League requested to

meet on Tunisian rising

Moscow's view France

America.

threatened.

not to be divided so easily.

Tass says

per cent and other investments and support ship, come from by 31 per cent. It had 4,000 the Soviet Pacific Fleet head-tanks and would soon have 4,700 quarters in Vladivostock.

mostly advanced ones.

Mr Schlesinger said that steps such as a boycott of the Moscow Olympics and the grain embargo were "satisfying but days.

Strategically marginal". The balance of power in the Gulf believed to be bound for the must be redressed in the West's Indian Ocean or the Arabian Sea favour. The Atlantic alliance

would eventually have to be re-shaped as well. He did not ex-plain how this should be done. The The Soviet invasion of Fleer Afghanistan was "a warning that we should heed, which came none too soon". Soviet fleet move: A large force of Soviet warships is con-

centrating in the South China Sea in a move linked with the Afghanistan crisis, Western military sources said in Tokyo They said a task group of 10

ships, commanded by a rear admiral, was steaming in the Parific towards the Bashi Channel between Taiwan and the It was the most powerful Soviet naval formation ever-sighted in north-east Asia, and

was expected to enter the South China Sea shortly. The force, which includes a missile cruiser, a missile des-troyer, frigates, minesweepers since 1894' From John Hennessy Lake Placid, Feb 7

would be joining a Soviet force of five ships which has been in the South China Sea for some

where 55 Sovier and American warships are confronting each

The United States Seventh Fleet is concentrated in the because of the Afghan crisis and its presence in the western Pacafic is drastically reduced. Admiral Robert Long, the United States Pacafic commander, told the Senate armed ser-vices committee in Washington yesterday that American forces in the region were spread too thinly to cover trouble spots. He called for more aircraft carriers,

The Western military sources here said the United States fleet, which projects American power from Hawaii to the east cost of Africa, now had 27 ships in the Indian Ocean and

bases and other facilities to

adjacent seas.—Reuter. Détente—two views, page 14 Leading article, page 15

Doubts in Japan over Detente not **Soviet sanctions**

Tokyo, Feb 7

The position of the Japanese Government regarding the approach from the United States for a seven-nation foreign ministers conference on economic sanctions against the Soviet Union is "fluid", according to

government sources.

Admitting there has been such an approach from Washngton, sources said that the Government was not ready to make an immediate response to what involves "divergent inte-rests" of the countries of the countries

certed their assessments of the events in Afghanistan, Ivestia remarked last night, "so as not to irritate their senior Atlantic partner".

Tass said the "distorted interpretation" of the events was viewed from an American position and the French and German governments were The countries the United States has approached, according to the sources, are those represented in the summit meeting in Tokyo in 1979.

While the Government is ready to make "constructive studies" on the American

approach the sources said, as far as Japan was concerned additional adjustments on either the venue or the timing would have to be made.

The sources said the American approach offered a choice of several plans besides a package conference, such as separate conferences between North America and West Europe, needs high-technology or money America and Japan, and from Japan.

America, Australia and Japan.
Observers in Tokyo have expressed some doubts on the concrete achievements" of such a conference if it were held at all. They pointed out that the American proposed anti-Russian economic measures would affect each country according to its different in-

They said that the "extent of impact" of such sanctions on Japan, which has "deep inte-rests" in developments of industrial resources (such as oil, natural gas, coel and lumber) in the Far East of Russia, would be very substan-

Tokyo and Moscow have cooperated, largely on Japan's initiatives, on development programmes of such resources which involve monetary com-mitments amounting to

\$1.500m.

They are designed to provide in the future a substantial portion of Japan's energy supplies which today depend on imports of up to 80 per cent of its industrial output. Observers have long pointed out that Japan needs Soviet resources more than the Soviet Union

Tanzania security men on torture charges

Dar es Salaam, Feb 7.—Five Tanzanian police and security officers are to go on trial in the High Court on charges of

Magistrates in Mwanza, west-ern Tanzania, committed a for-mer regional police commander, a regional security officer, and two security officers and a de-tective-corporal for trial after inquiries into the deaths of two

class struggles that had gone on in Latin America or Africa, detente had developed, espedetente had developed, especially in Europe.

The Americans, the agency
asserted, had wanted to
"drown the Afghan revolution
in blood". The Russians could
not remain impartial observers.
But, Tass said "the events in
Afghanistan can and must not
to any degree isopardize the The detainers were among 374 people arrested in 1976 in Mwanza for questioning after a spate of murders.

Mr Lucas Marsin, assistant commissioner of police for criminal investigations, read statements to the court alleging that the two detainees died after being severely beaten and

tortured by the five men.

The statements by some of the 374 people held said the five men had whipped handcuffed and stripped prisoners in the presence of three women

Firemen die in blaze

Mexico City, Feb 7.-Ten fire-

men were feared killed when a

wall collapsed on them during a

ings among other Arab countries. The Tunisians have been

pointing out that disaffected nationals of many Arab coun-

tries have taken refuge in Libya, where they are helped

The Tunisian argument has been that what happened at Gafsa could happen in other

Arab countries unless some-thing is done to curb Libyan

support for dissidents. Tuni-sia's allegations are said to be supported by documents found

Significantly, there has been

no statement by the PLO on the raid, and there are signs

that a friendly relationship is developing between Tunisia and Algeria—unlikely only a

few months ago.
Further French support for

Tunisia has come from M Jean-Piejre Soisson, the Minis-

ter of Youth Sport and Lei sure, who is visiting the country. He has said his pre-

sence is a demonstration of the

support that France has not

M Michael Jobert, the former Foreign Minister, said

last night in a radio interview

that France had reacted in the Tunisiann affair because it did

not intend to see the Soviet

Union come any closer to its

ceased to give Tunisia.

on prisoners after the raid.

to organize insurrection.

were also forced to drink "bit-ter liquid".

One witness, in a statement, alleged that after release from prison he had been able to have Cape Town, Feb 7 sexual relations only once, with difficulty, because of the tor-ture he had suffered. Thirteen guerrillas of the South-West African People's Organization (Swapo) and two South African soldiers have

Two of the accused men asked for an early trial as they had been held in remand for four years.

a directive by President Nyerere and the resignation of the paper said, Mr Siyovelwa, the Minister of State in the President's office, Mr Ali Hassan Myinyi, the Minister of Home Affairs, Mr Peter Abdallah Kisumo, the Mwanza Regional Commis-sioner, and Mr Marko Mabawa, the Shinyanga Regional Com-missioner, who accepted ulti-mate responsibility for the mis-conduct by some police and security man.—Agence France-Presse.

Attacker executed

Peking, Feb 7.—A man who stabbed a court investigator 21 times and disabled him for life has been executed in China's northernmost province of Heilfire at an electronics equipment

in Namibia follow-up battle

The investigation came after

killed indicate one of the worst weeks for the South African army in the 13-year-old bush FBI conduct of corruption

inquiry angers Arabs From Michael Leapman

New York, Feb 7 Arabs in America are indig-nent at the way the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) conducted its much publicized investigation into congressional corruption. They complain bit-terly that for FBI agents to impersonate Arab potentates doing out bribes amounted to grossly unfair racial stereotyp-

Dr M. T. Mehdi, the Chair-man of the American-Arab Relations Committee in New York, sent a telegram to Mr Benjamin Civilerti, the Attor-ney-General, saying the affair amounted to "a character assassination of the Arabs" and "a defamatory act which perpetuates the traditional preudicial view of Arabs in the

United States ". He believes that the Arabs are the only ethnic group in America which now has to suffer such prejudice. Why, he asks, did the agents not imper-sonate "an oil-rich Venezuelan, a Nigerian or an Israeli busi-

nessman" instead of "a rich, filthy, corrupt Arab".

He said: "It is time Americans realized that Arabs are important phinical figures and the future of the United States is linked to the Arab countries. To destroy this relationship

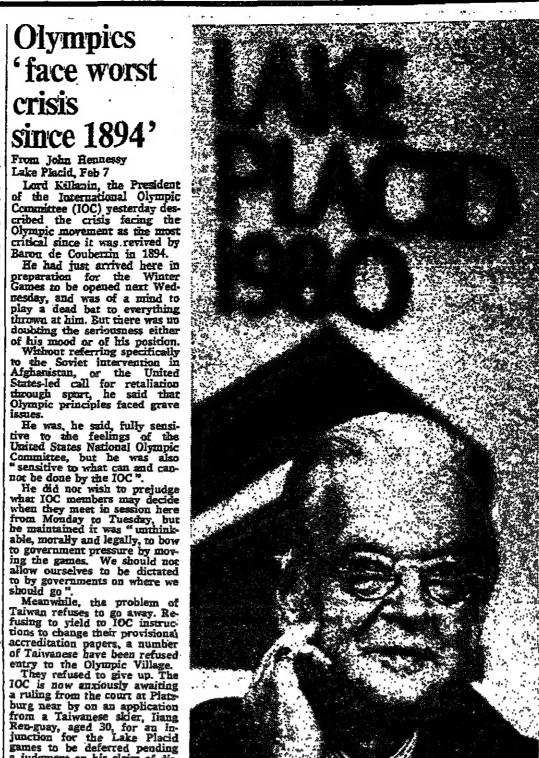
Arab delegates to the United Nations are similarly incensed. Mr Abdalla Bishara, the Kuwait representative, said: "It shows the ignorance which pre-vails in this country. They don't understand. I'm sure it wasn't done deliberately. "The FBI thought the way

to be effective was to portray a bogus Arab Shaikh whose lust for gambling and casinos is so great that he will resort to any wiles. But why is that more effective than if they had pretended to be Italian mil "Uncouth is the word for it. They are uncouth in appealing to American ignorance and

stereotypes
"In the Arab world this is taken very seriously. When I call Kuwait they say to me: 'Why are they so insensitive?'"

Mr Gaafar Allagany, the Charge d'Affaires of Saudi Arabia, said: "We are very disturbed that Arabs living in this country are stereotyped as unscrupulous people offering

The code name for the FBI operation was Abscam. This is short for Arab, Scam, "scam" being a colloquial term for a confidence trick.



Lord Killanin: Olympic principles face grave issues.

pic commiπees, as well as certain governmental and governmental bodies. At that time, Lord Killanin stated, "we will have everyone's views".
ALI TOUR: Muhammad Ali. the former world heavyweight boxing champion, who is trying to rally black Africa behind President Carter's call for a boycott of the Olympics. en-countered new trouble today when President Alhaji Shehu Shagari of Nigeria changed his mind and decided not to meet

him. Nigerian officials also said they had been unable to arrange of all recognized international a meeting scheduled for today federations and national Olymbetween Muhammad Ali and

Nigeria's National Olympic Committee. Swedish decision: Mr Karl Frithiofsson, the director of the wedish Sports Federation said today that Sweden would take part in the Moscow Olympics.

When the United States for many years maintained military forces in Vietnam—ad rained down bombs to an extent never see before, sports exchanges continued unabated." he said. Algeria also said it would take

part. Mr Muhammad erguini the Algerian Olympic Commit chairman announced this his departure for Lake Placid.—Reuter.

Rhodesia reservists called up to stand by in election said, indicating that Mr Robert Mugabe's Zanu (PF) party would win most seats.

From Nicholas Ashford Salisbury, Feb 7

Police and security force reservists are to be called up to stand by during the general election in Southern Rhodesia at the end of this month. Although call-up papers went out some time ago, officials had said that the more was only "provisional". However,

only "provisional". However, British sources now say that the call-up is virtually certain to go ahead.

Police reservists are being called up from February 15, and the security forces from February 20. They will remain under arms until the election is over. The call-up will be similar to that during the election in April last year when about 70,000 men were deployed to protect voters and deployed to protect voters and polling stations.

The reasons being given for the call-up is the continuing intimidaton and violence around the country. It is understood that some polling officials have expressed concern about the need for protection during the election.

The police reservists will be depleted as a second that the police reservists will be depleted to the police reservists.

deployed around the polling stations. The security force re-servists will operate in the surrounding countryside.

News of the call-up has prompted speculation that an anti-intimidation drive may be

being planned for just before the election.

At an election meeting in Bulawayo last night, Mr Ian Smith, leader of the Rhodesian Front Party, said: "The Rhodesian security forces will get on top of intimidation in the next few weeks". When that happened, he added, "we will get the right decisions" If the

election was held now the result

would go the wrong way, he

would win most seats.

Mr Smith said he had heard from "influential and confidential accuracy" that the country would not be handed over to Marxism. Whites should remain neutral towards the black parties and cooperate with those elected to Parliament so long as those parties. ment so long as those parties were dedicated to a democratic and free system of government.

Mr Smith recently visited South Africa for talks with Mr

Pieter Borbs, the Prime Minister The South Africans Minister: The South Africans are as concerned as Rhodesian whites about the possibility of, a Zanu (PF) victory, elthough Mr Mugabe has gone out of his way to assure South Africa that he would pursue a policy of good neighbourliness.

Meanwhile, Chief Jeremanh Chirau, leader of the Zimbabwe United Beauty of the Zimbabwe United Beauty of the Zimbabwe Policy Consistent and Policy Consistent and Policy Consistent and Policy Consistent of the Zimbabwe Chirau, leader of the Zimbabwe Chirau, leader of the Zimbabwe Chirau, leader of the Zimbabwe Chirau Results of the Zimbabwe Chirau Result

Chirau, leader of the Zimbabwe United People's Organization. (Zupo), has announced that he intendsto support Mr Joshua Nkomo's Patriotic Front (PF) at the election. Zupo intended to contest the election but failed to put up any candidates. Mr Nkomo has had provisional unity talks with Mr James Chikerema, leader of the Zimbabwe Democratic Party, the Rev N. Dabaningi Sithole, leader of Zanu, and with officials of Bishop Abel Muzorewa's Uanc. Labour supports appeal: Re-

acting to reports that business and financial interests are backing the election campaign of Bishop Muzorewa, the national executive of the Labour Party today decided to support an appeal to Labour Party mem-bers for money to aid the cam-paign of the Patriotic Front (George Clark, our Political Correspondent, writes).

American money pours into new Israel bases

Ovda, Negev, Feb 7

It is one of the great fromes of the Middle East peace pro-cess that, in order to try to prevent more lighting, vest sources of human energy are being devoted to rebuilding the most sophisticated instruments

Nowhere is this more apparent than in this once empty corner of the Neger Desert there a team of 1.000 That 6,000 acres of sand and rock into a new Israeli air base, which will cost the American Government more than \$450m about £186m).

Under the Camp David agreement, the two main Israeli fighter bases in the occupied nai are being relocated in the Negev, a process to be com-pleted by April, 1982. The one being rebuilt at Ovda is only 20 miles from the present base at Erzion, which will be handed

to Egypt.

"What is ruling here is smo-tion, not logic," said Brigadier.
General Moshe Bar-Tov, the Israeki joint coordinator. course, it would have been much easier to leave things where they are. But we are sincerely hoping for peace with Egypt and all our Arab neigh-

Farther to the north Ramon, a similar exercise is being carried out with the aid of labour imported from Portugal Both projects are under joint Isnaeli-American superionni israen-American super-vision and will cost nogether just over \$1,000m, four-fishs of which is being contributed by grants from America.

own companies, the involve-ment of Israeli labour is mini-

At Ovda, where work began last October, the new runways are little more than channels at the sand and work has only just begun on the bunkers, which will hold tons of secret eleccronic equipment and modern vestponny. Senior officers claim that work is preceeding to schedule however.

"We are fighting against two contradictory factors, time and money," said General Bar-Tov. "We have to stick very closely to the budget and at times this can thake our lives

very miserable." Although the Americans have been reticent about their heavy involvement in the new bases, the extent of their comminment is to be seen every-where on the barren site. It ranges from the rows of white-painted mobile homes flown

directly from Texes to the 700 service and civilian personnel working at Ovda. More incongruous than the More incongruous than the scores of American military personnel are the hundreds of Thai workers swathed in heavy clothing against the biring desert winds. Only 20 per cent of the Thais speak any English and they live and eat in separations of the separation of th

ate quarters with special cooks flown in from Bangkok.

Working a minimum 60-hour week, the Thai labourers earn an average of \$800 a month, much less than their Portugues counterparts at Person. guese counterparts at Ramon. As well as Ovda and Ramon a third Negev sirfield is to be built, financed and constructed exclusively by Israel. But work by grants from America.

As a result of the need to layed by legal action taken by avoid adding to Israeli inflasseveral thousand Beduin Eving than, now running at more than at the site, who are demanding better compensation.

Anger at outburst by Egyptian minister

Less than two weeks after the establishment of diplomatic relations between Israel and Egypt, the sIraeli Government is to send its first formal protest to Cairo. It concerns remarks made by Mr Muham-mad Hassan Tohami, the Egyptian Deputy Prime Minister.

Although the incident is not

seen as a serious threat to the continuing normalization of Israeli tele ties between the two countries, it is regarded as a reflectin of to Cairo intense anger felt by many stood by Israelis at thesenor of Mr interview.

These were first reported in

tical" people. Describing him-self as "the conscience of the egyptian revolution", the Egyptian minister also told the paper that the demise of Israelas a Jewish state "Phundered off Muslim soil" was not far

In the initial diplomatic confusion, it was alleged that Mr. Tohami has been misrepre-sented. But he further infu-riated the Israelis by telling an Israeli television reporter the new direct telephone links to Cairo last night that he stood by every word of the

Mr Bo Prime Israemi the Kuwait newspaper A! described the remarks as Siyassa, which quoted Mr benng in "flagrant contradiction" of the sas a "treacherous and hypocri-

Begin pledge of backing for Christians in Beirut

From Our Own Correspondent they are in danger, we shall Jerusalem, Feb 7 help them again." Tension in the Middle East

was heightened today after an unexpected public pledge from Mr Menachem Begin, the Israeli
Prime Minister, to provide military backing for right-wing with the official visit to
Christian groups if renewed violence broke out in Beirust. Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet The threat of renewed Israeli intervencion in Lebanon coincided with the imminent withdrawal of all Syrian troops from the "green line" which divides the Muslim and Christian sect-

ors of Beirot.
Speaking to the Foreign Press
Association, Mr Begin emphasized that Israel was committed
to defend all the Christians in Lebanon, not just the militia forces in the south, already heavily supplied with Israeli money, weaponry and military expertise.

If the Christian minoray,

either in the south or in the north, are being attacked, Israel will not be passive as far as the danger looming over the Christian minority is concerned. Mr Begin said.

Pressed about exactly how is a series and the christians in the north, Mr Begin replied tersely: "I will not go into any details and you understand very well why I refrain from it."

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Israel's communent to the south Lebanese Christians under the command of Major Saad Haddad is often resterated, but the Prime Minister's public declaration of military backing for right-wing forces in the for right-wing forces in the north took divioustic observers by surprise.
"We prevented the Christian

minority, both in the north and south, from being wiped out some time ago, and we are very proud of it." Mr Begin said. We shall not under any circumstances permit the Christian minority in Lebanon to be minority in Lebanon to be pogromed... We have helped the Christians before, and if

help them again."
Earlier, Mr Begin expressed concern at reports of large-scale Syrian tanks movements in Damascus last month of Mr. Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister.

For some weeks, Israeli military analysts have been trying to assess the motives behind Syria's redeployment of its a 30,000 troops in Lebanon, and President Assad's determination to withdraw all soldiers. from the capital.
As Mr Begin admitted today,

no single reason for the changes has become apparent. But it is pointed out that by switching the bulk of its military strength to Lebanon's strategic Beka Valley, Syria could be preparing for a possible future confronta-tion with Israel or the need to quell political discontent at

The Israeli Prime Minister firmly denied suggestions that ' \(\text{U}\) [1]; Israel "was or is" planning an atrack against Syria, describing the allegations as baseless.

But, of course, when there are big troop movements we have

about the precise circumstances in which a new Israeli military operation would be mounted in support of Lebanese Christians. But, as has been proved before, the Lebanese capital is in easy striking distance of Israeli air

As well as a recent upsurge of tension in Beirut, there has been increasing violence in south Lebanon in recent weeks. The regular artillery battles between Palestinian and Christian
militias have risen both in number and intensity, and lane last
month Major Haddad claimed
on Israeli radio that Syrian
troops were within a few miles
of his lines.

Australian success in test tube fertilization

From Douglas Aiton

Melbourne, Feb 7

Australia's first test tube baby due to be born in four months, will be the result of an eight-year, SA1.2m programme involving 40 Melbourne special-

The mother-to-be is Mrs Linda Reed, aged 26, a nurse from the country town of Churchill, east of Melbourne. She is the wife of a school-teacher, and already has one child. A laboratory-fertilized embryo

has been transferred back into the uterus and Mrs Reed is now five months into a healthy pregnancy. Doctors are convinced that the baby will be normal. They know its sex but are keeping it secret.

Neither are they releasing the that fertilization outside the name of a second woman, with body may become routine two previous children, who is within five years. carrying a child conceived in the laboratory in December.

The team of specialists is led by Mr Ian Johnston, of the Royal Women's Hospital, and Dr Alex Lopatz of the Queen Victoria Medical Centre. Three babies conceived in

test tubes have been born alive. The first two were in Britain in 1978 under the guidance of Mr Patrick Steptoe and Dr Robert

Even before the successful

The Melbourne technique unsuccessful attempts to unsuccessful attempts attem

" The embryo is developed in the protective environment in a test tube for three days". It is then transferred to the womb when it reaches the eight-cell

The Melbourne team has Melbourne pregnancy was developed new life-support fluids which reproduce United States, Japan and Switzerland visited Melbourne body and has devised a to study the techniques being instrument to insert the used. It is being predicted here tilized egg into the womb. developed new life supporting fluids which reproduce the environment within a woman's body and has devised a new instrument to inscrt the fer-

womb according to Dr Lopata. The outer womb is a temperature and humidity controlled incubator, the inner a protective glass iar.

Dr Lopota said: "The develop artificial Fallopian tubes. Blocked or damaged for about half of all female infertility. Dr Neil Moore, an animal reproductive biologist, was at the meeting and susanimal reproductive biologist, was at the meeting and sug-gested by-passing the tubes by fertilization outside the body.

A team was assembled and each year between 1975 and 1978 there were up to 50 attempts. After the British success, Melbourne scientists visited Britain and returned with information that changed the course of their second of the course of their second outside the course of the course outside the co fertilization outside the body. the course of their work. They abandoned bormone therapy: and instead relied on the natural body cycle.

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OVERSEAS____

Bolshoi defections bring to light long-running quarrel over 'stiflingly conservative' repertoi 'stiflingly conservative' repertoire

From Michael Binyon
Moscow, Feb 7
Shortly after the defection of
Alexander Godunov, the Bolshoi
ballet star, and two fellow
dancers last summer, a joke
went around Moscow: "The
Bolshoi company went to Went alound Moscow: "The Bolshoi company went to America; the Maly returned." (The two words, both names of Moscow theatres, mean big and

small.)
But with the defection yester-But with the detection yester-day of two more members of the company, including one of the world's most distinguished ballet teachers, the loke has gone sour. The 204-year-old Bolshoi, the cultural jewel of Russia, seems to be tearing

itself apart.
Sulamith Messerer, the 71year-old former ballet star, and her 31-year-old son, Mikhail, said as they left for the United Stares that they lacked artistic freedom in the Soviet Union and despaired of life there.

But the distractorship Sulpanish But the dictatorship Sulamith Messemer, who once denced for Stalin, found intolerable was not that of the Soviet Government or its functionaries.

It was the dictatorship of a man who has been at the centre of the bitter feuds that have brought the company to the verge of collapse: Yuri Grigorovich, the brilliant, austere, autocratic chief choreographer and artistic director of the

Things have been festering at the Bolshoi for several years as crecisions of the pale 53-year-old director mounted. They ranged from accusations of favouritism and petty personal blacklisting of promising dancers he dis-liked to the more fundamental ones that Mr Grigorovich, in spice of his many triumphs over the past 14 years, was stifling the Bolshoi with a conservative repertoire, a lack of innovation

repertoire, a lack of innovation and a squandering of the company's formidable talents.

Mr Grigorovich's latest staging of Romeo and Juliet evoked binear criticism—echoed by those who saw it in the West. Five leading Bolshoi dancers, headed by Maya, Plisetskaya, the aging but still influential prima ballerina, demanded that the old version should be retained.

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Miss Plisetskaya has refused to dance in any of Mr Grigoro-vich's productions for the past four years. And on a recent overseas tour many of the company's best dancers would not accompany Mr Grigorovich.

But after the defections last summer, the first in the Bolshoi's history (though some leading dancers have left the Kirov in Leningrad), the quarrel

Kirov in Leningrad), the quarrel broke out into the open.
Ranged against Mr Grigorovich were Miss Plisetskaya; a leading male dancer, Viedimir Vasiliev and his wife, Yekaterina Maximova, also a star; Maris Liepa, the magnificent Latvian actor-dancer whose performances in Khatchaturian's Sangragus, are univelled; and Spartacus, are unrivalled; and Mikhail Lavrovsky, a male lead

Pyongyang and

Seoul reopened

Seoul, Feb 7.—North and South Korea today reopened a direct telephone "hot-line"

linking their capitals after a break of three and a half years.

Representatives of both Governments agreed to restore the line at a meeting yesterday

in the armistice village of Pan-

North Korea cur the line with Seoul in August, 1976, shortly after Seoul inquired about the fate of a fishing boat seized off

the North Korean coast. The Pyongwang operator answered the call, asked the South Korean caller to wait, then pulled out

The North later returned the 23 fishermen.—Reurer.

Melbourne, Feb 7.—A young man who was hir on the hip by

man who was the on the hap by Australian cricket captain Greg Chappell's bar when he ran naked on to the Melbourne cricket ground was jasted for seven days by a magistrate today.

Mark Amhony Todd, aged 18. pleaded guilty to a charge of offensive behaviour during the Australia versus West Indies one-day match on December 9.

Streaker jailed

for seven days

the plugs.



Yuri Grigorovich: At centre of a feud at the Bolshoi.

and son of Mr Grigorovich's predecessor.
The defections shook the Soviet Government as well as the public, especially as the detention of Mr Godunov's wife, Lyudmila Vlasova, on board an aircraft at Kennedy Airport developed into veloped into a serious political crisis between the Soviet Union

and America. Mr Pyotr Demichev, the Soviet Minister of Culture, was ordered by the Politburo to sort things out. He appointed Mr Yuri Barabash, his deputy, to take charge, and on October 4 a fateful meeting was held in the Bolshoi Theatre, where Mr Grigorovich, recovering from a stomach illness, faced his critics.

The atmosphere was one of unprecedented tension and hostility. The anti-Grigorovich faction, represented only by Miss Plisetskaya, was joined, significantly, by members of the famous Messerer family. The veteran choreographer, teacher and former dancer Asaf Mes-serer, now 76 and brother of Sulamith, criticized the stale repertoire and called for other horeographers besides Mr

Mr Grigorovich denied there was any split in the company and virtually threatened to force his opponents to retire. Plisetskaya, a niece of Susamith Messerer, who some Russians say is getting too old for a prima ballerina, rose to denounce Mr Grigorovich, and shocked the meeting by calling

him a liar.

The Deputy Minister of Culture ordered an end to the meeting and to all further quarrels.

The actual director of the Bolshoi, Mr Stanislav Lushin, who was appointed less than a year ago, has appeared be-wildered in the face of such

ballet master at the Leningrad Kirov, he staged the much acclaimed version of Spartacus in 1968, and has given the conservative Moscow public the works it has wanted to see.

But the Bolshoi is a demoralbut the Boishoi is a demoralized company now. The programme changes frequently at the last minute. Neither the dancers nor the public know from day to day which cast will perform. Mr Grigorovich decides who shall dance and when.

cides who shall dance and when.
Sometimes performances are extraordinarily poor. Last night, for example, two of the leading dancers failed to appear in a performance at the vast Palace of Congress in the Krembin—the alternative site to the ornate gilt and plush theatre which is the company's home. Whether they had any knowledge of the defections or not, their performance was so lacklustre that a male lead nearly dropped one ballerina and one ballerina almost toppled over.

The drastic solution of

The drastic solution of defection adopted by five of the company has only increased the difficulties for the others. Foreign tours have already been cut back, and the security vetting of all those chosen to go abroad is intense. A number of leading dancers have been turned down. And because a dozen down described to the security of the s dozen dancers were refused permission to go to Japan for the present tour, Vladimir Vasiliev and Yekaterina Maximova, who were to have led the 90-strong troupe, refused to

the Russians, intensely proud of their world-famous ballet, these defections are shameful, to the authorities they are more than that—they are high rreason, for which the maximum penalty is death and the minimum 10 years' imprisonment.

Nevertbeless, the authorities realize that the Bolshoi defections are not, as the media insisted, because the Americans offered," mountains of gold and a sea of whisky". And diey are now in a quandary what to do about the well-substantiated report that Mr Godunov, temperamental and unhappy in America, wants to come home.

The Supreme Soviet itself is said to be considering this request. If he did return, in a public display of disillusion, the propaganda coup would be immense. But if he returned without any sanctions, the precedent for other would-be defectors would be disastrous. In one way the present politi-

cal crisis between the Soviet Union and the West has made it easier to cut back on foreign tours without seeming to punish the Bolshoi particularly. discord, and has not been able to take the company in hand.

Many, people expected after the mighty company to ensure the defections last year that Mr Grigorovich would be dismissed.
But the Soviet authorities are as concerned to bring peace to the mighty company to ensure its artistic survival and renaissance as to stop even more But he has done much for the Bolshoi. A former dancer and

Vietnamese

Camp Reahou, Kampuchea,

Ten mortar shells fell on this camp of about 100,000. Free Khmers last week killing a man and a worran and wounding 12 others. Camp leaders said today the mortars had been fired from about a mile

A few miles north of here automatic fire was audible today on the edges of another Free Khmer settlement near less than three miles away.

Khmer Rouge last month.

ance fighters. The Free Khmer leaders say

they mean to kill us all." The leaders said that 1,000

had decided to leave Panoi with his 27-year-old daughter because the authorities were trying to force him to serve again in the

Victnamese soldiers are now

They also said three groups of Vietnamest troops each numbering 500 or 600 were converging on the camp from the north-east, the east and the

the Thai border town of Non Samet, Mr In Sakhan, the camp administrator said about He said his troops had killed

guerrillas of the ousted Khmer Rouge regime had reoccupied their old stronghold at Phnom Chat about seven miles from here. Vietnamese troops wrested Phnom Char from the

Knmer Rouge last month.

Both the Thei Army and the Khmer leaders say that Vietnam recently has sent more troops, tanks and other equipment closer to the border and are regrouping their forces for more effective attacks on Khmer Rouge and other resistance fighters.

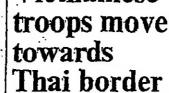
that Vietnamese policy is to draw them away from the Thai border by flanking movements which will force them deeper into Kampuchea. There, accord-ing to leaders at Camp Reabou, "they mean to kill us all."

Vietnamese, both soldiers and Civilians, had defected to them the past five months. "The Vietnamese come to us, sur-render their weapons and tell us they don't want to fight any more," they said.

the camp four days ago after a journey by lorry from the Vietnamese border.

Army.

Miss Trinh Thu Huong, aged
21, said she wanted to join her
father in California where he
worked for a television production company.



From Neil Kelly

patrolling to within a mile of the Thei border as military activity increases in western Kampuchea.

camp administrator said about 400 Vietnamese troops were

10 Vietnamese soldiers in clashes in the past week. Four of his men were wounded but none was killed. Meanwhile, a senior Thai military officer said today that

Three Vietnamese arrived in

Mr Phan Van Sam, who said he was 50, explained that he



Princess Alexandra opening a new town hall in a Hongkong suburb yesterday while on a nine-day official visit.

Wealth gap looms over Delhi talks Cult leaders

Delhi, Feb 7
Mr Narasimha Rao, India's External Affairs Minister, was today struggling to produce a compromise text to cover the vawning gaps between the attitudes of the rich and poor countries and so prevent a United Nations conference on world industrialization from ending in blank failure. blank failure. If the Indian hosts do not pull

off this word juggling act. If the first big international conference of the 1980s (as Dr Kurt Waldheim, the United Nations Secretary General called it at Secretary General called it at its opening) will register a clear retreat from the targets set for Third World industrialization five years ago and provoke cynicism among the "have-not" countries delegations. countries' delegations.

Mr Rao is president of the chird conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization which begen here three weeks ago and is due to and removed Rut the hoped end tomorrow. But the hoped for eleventh bour give-and-take spirit was not there today, des-

both "acceptable and meaning-ful" in the face of unyielding positions from the Group of 77 developing countries and the industrialized nations.

If complete failure is not averted, tomorrow's winding-up plenary session could see the developing countries unrealistically voting through their demands, while the world's financially and technologically advanced countries either abstain vote against, or accept advanced countries either abstain, vote against, or accept

mismasn.

Mr Rao's formula is due to be examined probably during the night, but many of the industrialized countries' delegates have been saying they will have to examine the texts in a very critical spirit.

rialization, transfer of tech-nology (including nuclear tech-nology), or the details of a redeployment of the world's industrial capacity. The "Lima rarget" of 1975 set the goal of than a formight's exposure

crete implementation of one important goal to be reached over the next two decades so that by the year 2000 \$300,000m (£136,363m) for the industrialization process would be given by the rich countries, possibly together with the oil-producing

between the world's two economic blocks was emphasized when Mc John McDonald, the chief United States delegate, was asked with what figure his

was asked with what figure his country was prepared to begin the funding. He replied: "Zero". Britain's position, it seems, is similar.

The Group of 77, whose draft for a so-called Delbi declaration and plan of action served as the basis for the Delhi discussions, are still persisting with all their demands after more than a formight's exposure Mr Rao was striving to pro- at least 25 per cent of the to the developed countries' duce a text, officials wryly world's manufactured goods counter-arguments.

want return of Guyana assets

in mass suicide and murder 16 months ago, have asked Guyana's High Court to order all the temple's assets handed over to them.

The board also asked the court to order Barclays Bank International, the Bank of Guy-ana and the Guyana National Co-operative Bank to disclose what assets of the temple they

jungle settlement after a United States congressman and four people accompanying him on a visit to the settlement were shot dead.

sums of money had been deposited with commercial banks.—Reuter.

England extras in a TV show

From John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent
Melbourne, Feb 7
The England cricketers will
leave here tomorrow evening for
Bombay with mixed feelings.
While pleased to be heading for
home, they are disappointed not
to have done themselves justice in
the Test series against Australia.
Their relative success in the oneday competition, in which they
reached the finals ahead of Australla, is some compensation, but
not much.
It was to help out an old friend,
namely the Australian Cricket
Board, that England made the
tour. If that has been achieved
then it has been well worth while,
regardless of the unsuitability of
the itinerary and the frequently
distasteful behaviour of the Australian crowds.
Following the Inflammatory

relian crowds,
Following the Inflammatory
remarks of Ray Steele, treasurer
of the Australian board, who
launched the tour, regarding the
TCCB's refusal to put the Ashes TCCB's refusal to put the Ashes at stake, and England's determination to keep the one-day cricket as unaffected as possible. Brearley became a scapegoat. Being the philosopher he is, this, I think, upset him less than many others. Speaking for myself, in 30 years of touring Australia with England sides I have met nothing so consistently and humourlessly aggressive as the campaign against Brearley.

Brearicy.

Apart from Breariey, whose reputation as a thinking captain has been in no way diminished, the best results on the tour have been achieved by Boycott, Gooch and Botham. It was a mistake not to

Honolulu, Feb 7

Tom Warson leads a strong contingent competing in the fifth event of the American spring tour, the Hawaiian Open at the Waialae Country Club.

The flight time from the mainland may be all of five bours but inducements are not lacking. Although light rain fell this morning, the weather is generally more reliable than on the Californian coast and the islands are more

reliable than on the Californian coast and the islands are more attractive for wives than the general run of venues. The prize money is better than average, with a first prize just above the £25,000 of the Crosby. Even with a crowded pro-am and amateurs paying \$900 to play, the spousors find it hard to make both ends meet. United Airlines hoped to get it all back through relevision, not only to the mainland but also to Japan.

Japanese professionals are too

Japanese professionals are too busy making money in their own country to bother much with the United States tour, but their two top men, Aoki and Nakamura, and one other, Suzuki, have been lured over. Aoki tees off with Peter Oosterhuis, who is here on his own and merning business with a visit to Africa and Kerya in prospect. He made money here in the mid-seventies and supported the event at a time when it needed support more than it does now.

now.

First winner of the Hawaiian Open was Gay Brewer in 1965 when it was held at the end of the season. The American PGA

Honolulu, Feb 7

choose Gooch for the first Yest match; Bothom should have made more runs than he did; and Boycott should not have said some of the things that he did—but they all played some good cricket. Gooch was singled out by Brearley this morning for the way he has applied himself to the game. It is a pity that the same cannot, as yet, be said of Gower.

When the side went to Western Australia for the first Test match, in the second week of December, England were on top of the world. Having just beaten Australia in successive one-day matches, hopes were high of an English victory in the Test series. Some lamentable barning on the last day cost England that match in Perth, just as some lamentable groundsmanship cost them the second Test in Sydney; yet by the end of the tour Australia were well established as the better side. A margin of 3—0 to Australia may have been misleading, but so was 5—1 to England a year ago.

The return of the Packer players was always bound to strengthen Australia. Several of them, individually, have not done well, but the presence of Liflee and the Chappells was enough, of itself, to cause a great upheaval. In the event, Lillee bowled with brilliant auccess and Greg Chappell averaged nearly 80. If, at times, the behaviour of Lillee and lan Chappell made millions wince, their board, in the interests of winning, were prepared to put up with almost anything.

The rift between Packer and non-Packer players has healed fairly well. In the corridors of power there are more grounds for

without someone in authority, either from the Australian board or the promoting agency, singing the praises of one-day cricket (this all has to do with TV ratings), in spite of every first-class cricketer in Australia being of the view that there is already more than enough of it. more than enough of it.

The more the one-day game is glorified the more the Sheffield. Shield will suffer and with it the overall standards of Australian cricket. The man in the street, as much as the writers of letters to the newspapers and the newspapers themselves, are agreed that there should never again be such a programme as this season's. The only people to pronounce otherwise are those who have sold their souls to television or whose business is business—or, more alarmingly, the spokesmen for the board. In a leading article, The Australian, which over the verse

In a leading article, The Australian, which over the years, has given Mr Parker some of his best publicity, said a day or two ago: "It would be interesting, indeed, to know how many of those early, new fans still remain interested at the end of a season which, not to put too fine a point on it, has seen an abysmal attempt to turn cricket into a sort of three-ring circus. The three national teams have been weaving from state to state in an artificial atmosphere of brass-band ballyhoo which has resulted in hith memorable cricker, a great deal of loutish behaviour—and the swamping of the Sheffield Shield as an impor-

calendar . The game must not be killed off by the tack of a long-term policy and the demands of importunate proing England, and again in 1975-76, when West Indies were in Aus-tralia, well over 700,000 people watched the six Test matches. This 342,374 who came to the corresponding games between Australia and West Indies four years ago and the 362,177 who did so when England were in Australia in 1974-75. The centenary Test match, played here in 1977, just before the formation of World Series, drew 247,873 spectators; the new year Test of 1954-55 drew 300,000. Every comparison to be made

Every comparison to be made declares that in the days before the marketing "wizards" got to work, more people watched cricket and were satisfied with it than is the case now. All of which goes to show how crucial it is, for everyone's good, including, in the long run, the promoters themselves, that when England come to Australia next, in 1982-83, they should not simply be used as trappings in a television show. Unless everyone is very careful, change for change's sake will be mistaken for change for cricket's good.

Snooker

Spencer stays in position In-form Green seeks third Hawaii Open victory with a touch of class

By Sydney Friskin
John Spencer, a former, world
professional snooker champion,
produced a touch of class to beat
Eddie Chariton of Australia by
five frames to two in the Masters
tournament, sponsored by Benson
& Hedges at the Wembley Conference Centre yesterday. In would be glad if it became the would be glad if it became the first event of the year, but they are not prepared to incur the displeasure of Bob Hope, who likes to start the year off. ChiChi Rodriguez, who has a house on the island, acts as unofficial host to the professionals. He and the PGA court jester, Lee Treving, put on a riotous golf clinic for the public to start the week off. Rodriguez is a trick artist and both are mindes, but these antics are not de Heoges at the Wembley Con-ference Ceptre yesterday. In today's semi-final round Spencer will meet the world champion. Terry Griffiths, whom he has never played before. Spencer won the last five frames in a row yesterday but until the second half was be at his fluent the best with beatle of 50 in the is a trick artist and both are minics, but these antics are not possible without a high degree of skill. Hubert Green will be trying for his third successive win in the event and has already shown good early season form.

Hidden only from the sea by high-rise apartments, Waialae has lovely views inland, to the green-covered hills of Diamond Head, as well as seaward; but the exciting contours of the Mouverey Peninsula have been left behind. The course, 7,200 yards in length, is mostly flat between trees and has yielded low totals in the past. The record tor the course is 63, equalled by three others since Nicklaus set it in 1969. The lowest total was 267 set by Green last year when, in successfully defending his title, he scored four Leading money winners after the filter former expendent. second nair was be at his tutent best with breaks of 50 in the lifth frame, 38 in the sixth and 54 in the seventh, exercising un-canny mastery of the cue ball to position bimself for the next shot. Although Spencer made no ex-cuses for his uncertain start his

preparation was probably affected by the fact that, he arrived in London only yesterday about an hour before the match was due to start. His house in Radcliffe, near Manchesser had been burgled on Tuesday night and the thieves got away with £2,000 in cash together with some

12,000 in cash together with some jewelty.

After a promising start Charlton was never allowed to get into the match and the pity was his inability to show his true capabilities. The end came for him in a moment of frustration, when a spectator shouted: "It's not your tight Eddie", he conceded the last frame and the match.

The first half was a slow and steady grind, particularly for Spencer, who took a long time to settle down. He lost the first two

frames, Charlton not having given him a chance, but won the next two. He drew away in the third frame with a break of 45, which gave nim a solid base, following up with a break of 22 to which Charlton replied with 32. The end came with Snearer clearing the gave nim a solid base, following up with a break of 22 to which Chariton replied with 32. The end came with Spencer clearing the table. A closely-fought fourth frame ended in favour of Spencer whose final break of 14 was sufficient for Chariton to concede. defeated Cliff Thorburn of Canada, by five frames to three in a thrilling match. The scores were (Griffiths first), 73-51, 13-77, 29—78, 57—54, 14—120, 87—42, 80—35, 121—15.

At the interval the two frames all after long periude of parience and concentration. The of patience and concentration. The next two frames after the resumption were marked by two big breaks, 96 by Thorburn in the fifth and 73 by Griffiths in the sixth. In this frame Thorburn had let Griffiths off the book by leaving him with an easy red after making a break of 41. Griffiths cleared the table by Griffiths cleared the fable by potting six reds, two pinks, four blacks and all the colours. A break of 64 gave Griffiths a firm grip on the seventh frame but even though be led 56—15 in the eighth, a win for Thorburn was still mathematically possible. But Griffiths aided by a lucky red, cleared the table with a break of 59.

OUARTER FINAL ROUND: J. Sponcer (England) best E. Chorlen (Australia) 5—2 (Sponcer Frail): 25—56, 43—76, 92—36, 61—38, 114—16, 94—17, 74—8.

American tour snow the first four places taken by tournament winners. The figures indicate dollars won in prize money and therefore order of merit points: Craig Stadler 62,527, George Burus 61,826, Jeff Mitchell 56,300, Tom Watson 50,625, Mike Sullivan 45,236, Dan Pohl 41,829, Equestrianism

BEF prepared to boycott **Moscow Games**

Britain's equestrian team may be prepared to stage a lone boy-cott of the Moscow Olympics as a protest against the Soviet Umon's intervention in Afghanistan. The British Equestrian Federation have called on the British Olympic Association to support any Government directed boycott.

boycott.

The federation sa they reserve the right to reach their own decision on participation should the BOA still accept the invitation to

Moscow.

The equestrian federation's views have been made known to the BOA in a letter sent by their president, Colonel Sir Harry Llewellyn, himself a former Olympic rider. The letter expresses support for Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's suggestion that the Games be moved from Moscow, while recognizing that any fragmentation could be unacceptable to the international Olympic Committee.

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It savs: "The BEF recommends that the BOA should support the Government if the latter pronounces clearly that the Olympic Games should be boycotted." No decision will be taken one way or the other before the meeting of the BOA with representatives of the Olympic sports on March 4."

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Rugby League

Tindall cheats death and wins an England cap

By Keith Macklin The England v Wales game at Craven Park, Hull, on Friday, February 29, will feature a player who nearly died from meningins a year ago, a black belt at judo, and two players who gain England caps for the first time despite having played for Great Britain on au Australasian tour.

Leading money winners after the first four events of the American tour show the first four

on an Australasian tour.

The player who cheated death is Keith Tindall. Even when he fought through to recovery, he was presumed to have lost his chances of making further progress in a toughly physical sport like Rugby League, but his frontrow performances for the currently all-conquering Hull side have forced the England selectors to give him a cap.

The two players, who para-

forwards, Roy Holdstock, Peter Gorley and Harry Pinner.

It is a youngish side, with an average age of 25. As the Lesgue's public relations officer, David Howes, said after yesterday's selection: "We have to look ahead to the visit of New Zealand this autumn and, particularly, to the coming of the Australians in 1982."

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larly, to the coming of the Australians in 1982."

It is undoubtedly a very strong England side full of international experience alongside youthful exuberance, and the Welsh, who were so comfortably beaten by France, will do extremely well to make a game of it. If England win, and the edge is in their favour, the match against France in Narbonne next month, will be a keenly-fought decider.

England's teamwork will be helped by the fact that more than half the players have graduated through the under 24 squad and five of them — Smith, Drummond, Holding, Boldstock and Pinner—have played for Great Britain Under 24 already this season.

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orthorni. Referee: R. Campbell (Widnes).

Yachting

Symonette leads the way in changing wind

Sydney, Feb 7.—The Bahamas yacht John B, with Robert Symonette at the helm, won the second race in the World 5.5 metres Championship salled off Pittwater today. Symonette led all the way and fimished three minutes 14 seconds ahead of the Australian holder, Frank Tolhurat, in Arunge 1ff. Australians also took the next four places with the American yacht, Wildfire, skippered by Albert Fay, seventh. Oversess competitors floundered in the fluky breezes and Carl Halvorsen, who won the opening race in Skagerak, fell back to eleventh. Nearly mill-pond conditions, followed by a general recall, delayed the start for 40 minutes. Shifts in the wind troubled most of the fleet but not John B, which held off a bold challenge from Arunga III. which haived its lead on the second from last leg with the wind.

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American's Cup captain: Jim Hardy has been selected in Perth, Western Australia, to captain the Australian challenger for the America's Cup 12-metre yaching trophy this year. Hardy, 47, from New South Wales, led the previous Australian challengers Gretel II in 1970 and Southern Cross in 1974.

Table tennis

England team brush aside opposition from US

England made a confident start in their campaign for the new men's team tide in the Welsh Open Table Tennis Championships sponsored by Stiga at Cardiff yes-

They brushed aside the first round opposition from the United States by 3-0. England's lead-ing man Desmond Douglas was much too sharp and severe for Charles Butler, bearing him by 21-10, 21-9 but Paul Dauy had slightly more problems . in patching Michael Bush by 21-15, 22—20. England's men then teamed up for a confident first round doubles victory.

doubles victory.

Danglas and Day will have to carry all the burden for England having been reduced by a two man ream in the absence of John Hilton. Hilton, an insurance broker, had to pull out because of pressure of business and many other events coming up in the other events coming up in the near future.

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England successfully resisted an attempt by Hungary to change the draw for the men's singles competition which starts tomorrow. The Hungarians wanted to switch Istvan Jonyer with Douglas, claiming that Jonyer would have to play his countrymen Tibor Klampar, the top seed. The England captain, Peter Simpson, pointed out that two other Hungarians were in the other half of the draw and Douglas's original position and Douglas's original position was maintained.

This means the England number one may face the second seeded Chinese, Li Zehnshi, and Simpson said he was much happier about that. He thought Douglas had a better chance of heading Li than he would have done against Klam-

Book review

A penetrating analysis of every facet of rugby

Few editors have served a game better with a miscellary than John Hopkins has done with Rugby (Cassell: £7.95), the first sporting volume in the Schweppes Leisure Library series. It is a book with much depth and variety: the content has been imaginatively planned and will hold a lasting interest. Rugby football books have been getting better and better in recent years compared with some of the staid efforts of previous decades and this one is among the best.

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Every reader will find his favourite sections. Some of the most penetrating analysis comes from Mr Hopkins himself: an overall survey of present-day rugby; character studies of influential figures like Lord Wakefield, Danie Craven and Albert Ferrasse; a history of rugby ball manufacturing; sample histories of clubs at different levels; a chapter on those overlooked heroes, the groundsmen; and match reports of famous occasions. All good stuff and worth a permanent place on the study shelves.

The second half of the book is

The second half of the book is sub-titled "How to play the game" but is far more than merely an instructional treatise. Every facet of rugby forms the subject of a detailed, shrewd essay contributed by an acknowledged expert, supported by helpful diagrams and pictures. Scotland's Andy Irvine, for instance,

writes on full back play; Ken Catchpole (Australia) on the scrum-half's role; Wilson Whineray (New Zealand) on captaincy; Carwyn James and Jack Gleeson answer questions on coaching. For this reviewer, though, yearning as he does to see an attacking English back division again before he dies, the palm must go to André Bonilace (France), who contributes the chapter on centre three-quarter play. It contains several clues to the French approach amid a wealth of fundamental wisdom or matters of technique and should be compulsory reading for every centre and every coach in the country. Norman Sanson on refereeing, too, makes some telling points. Future titles in the same series include Soccer by Genffrey Green, Cricket (David Frith) and Golf (Ben Wright). Mr Hopkins has set them a high standard to follow.

Though another New Zealand tour to this country has been completed since, collectors of rugby books will not wish to miss Terry McLean's Mourie's All Blacks: The Team that jound itself (Hodder and Stoughton: 16.95). This deals with the 1978 visit to Britain and is Alr McLean's twenty-third rugby book since 1950. No other rugby writer has consistently maintained such a high standard of prose in that time. He has now retired from daily journalism but this final

a high statusers or prose in that time. He has now retired from daily journalism but this final tour account has all the attributes that have given him such a world-wide following.

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No agreement so far has emerged on topics of substance like financial aid for indust-

admitted, which would still be both "acceptable and meaning-ful" in the face of unyielding ful" in the Group of 77 accounted for by the rich

This conference was supposed to complete the process of agreeing and to begin the concrete implementation of one

The extent of the deadlock

Georgetown, Guyana, Feb 7.— The board of directors of the People's Temple, the United States cult, whose followers died

Jim Jones, then the cult leader, led more than 900 followers in a mass suicidemurder pact in their Jonestown

An official statement later said that at least \$500,000 had been discovered in Jonestown and deposited with the Bank of Guyana. There were unconfirmed reports that other large

Wales change neither | Police player | Useful lessons from England's win team nor hopes for Twickenham 'decider'

It was just conceivable that the Weish rugby selectors would make a change or two for the game against England at Twickenham a week tomorrow, but having sown experimental seed against France which produced an immediate heavest for would cuibble. diate harvest, few would quibble with the carte blanche they have given to the men who comprehensively defeat France on January

Any lingering doubts would have evaporated as soon as the France-England march quotes filtered across to Wales. The Welsh are a clanny bunch when it comes to rugby football and the cridcism by an unnamed England team official of Price's technique and tactics in the set scrums, and Rives's re-newed condemnation of the Llan-elli flanker Ringer's behaviour on transer kingers behaviour during the match at the national stadium two weeks ago, virtually guaranteed the naming of an un-changed Welsh team and replace-ments for what could well be the championship decider at Twicken-

ham.

Do this English team have the right blend to beat Wales? Everyone seems agreed that England again are the equal of anyone in forward strength. But it is only this season that they seem to have grafted on an extra dimension behind the scrum. The reasons for England's success in Paris—their first win in the French capital for 16 years—have been well documented and glowingly analysed, yet in Wales the English performance has paradoxically heightened the expectation of another Welsh win at a ground where one has to go back to 1974 to find their last loss.

Respected critics like John Dawes and Carwyn James came back from Parc des Princes privately and, in James's case, publicly convinced that although there would be precious little between the two sets of forwards, Eugland were bereft of ideas and flair behind the scrum. The other factor

which has bred quiet optimism is the disappearance of all the preseason uncertainty which existed over the Weish side, who have seen ball their backbone removed in the past two seasons.

Against France the novices' reply was emphatic and exciting producing a brand of flowing football which despite international suc-cess, had been in decline since

There remained minor dounts over the No 8 position where Burler had difficulty in absorbing all that was going on around him against France, but Quinnell, whom he replaced, could hardly have endeared himself to the selectors by withdrawing from the French match pleading illness, then immediately afterwards playing for Lianelli in an important cup match. Even so Wales are not so masochistic that they would. so masochistic that they would,, have left him out of the Twicken-ham game for this alone

The selectors must have felt that their original ream under the new coach John Lloyd had done more than anyone dared hope and deserved to be kept together. Realistically, given even 40 per cent of the ball at Twickenham. Wales should defeat England, and quite comfortably, too, for they have greater talent in each and every position behind the scrum. At full back, Blyth will be the sole survivor from the last Welsh team to lose at Twickenham and, although his international career has been held in check by being a contemporary of J. P. R. Williams, Blyth's own attacking instincts and long-range place-kickstincts and long-range place-lick-ing add an extra flavour to the Welsh mix. Against an England team that for all their virtues lack yeast, this should be enough to see Wales home at Twickenham

has 40 stitches in face injury

Football

By Norman Fox Football Correspondent

Steve Johnson, the Leicester wing forward, looks certain to be ruled out of the John Player Cup second round tie with Moseley on February 23. Johnson, aged 30, had 40 stitches in a facial wound after playing for British Police against French Police In Paris last week-

He was taken to hospital after being injured just before half time and was kept in overnight before returning home against the advice of doctors. French Police won the match 28-0.

match 25—0.

Johnson, an acting inspector, said yesterday: "I was stamped on in a deliberate off-the-ball incident. It could not possibly have been an actident because I was isolated at the time. "My right car is pretty well shredded and the gash runs down my cheek. I don't want to hang out dirty washing, and I am happy to let the French authorities deal with the matter; but I hope this man does not play rugby again—in case he does it rugby again-in case he does it to someone else."

Johnson, who is 6ft 3in and played for Leicester in the 1978 John Player Cup floal, added: "I won back a regular first-team place just before Christmas and this has come at a bad time for me. But I will fight my way back." A member of the British Police rugby club said: "It makes Chris Ralston's raking injury look like a slip with a razor while shaving." a slip with a razor while sharing."

Five club officials were at the march but they do not expect to take any action over the matter. Norman Chappell, assistant chief constable with the South Wales police, who was in charge of the parry, said: "We shall only he discussing the tour as a whole. We don't intend to take any action or make an official complaint."

Matches between the British

Had England been at full strength and still played as uncertainly, the suggestion that, without Keegan, there would have WALES: W. R. Blyth (Swansea):

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L. Keen (Aberavon): W. G. Davies (Cardiff): G. D. Holmes (Cardiff): G. D. Williams (Swansea): A. J. Phillips (Gardiff): G. Prict (Pontypool): A. J. Walth (Swansea): P. Ringer (Lianelli): E. T. Ruiter (Pontypool): J. Squire (Pontypool): captain).

discussing the tour as a whole. We don't intend to take any action or make an official complaint."

Matches between the British and French police have a stormy listory: The series was suspended in 1955 and not resumed until 1971. been nothing encouraging might have been valid. As it was, the team played no better or worse than one would expect of a group brought togeher for the first time, Realistically, it showed that



Kevin Keegan: England rely on his special gifts.

whatever encouraging things Mr Greenwood must say to some of the younger players, three of the missing seniors—Brooking, Wilkins and Francis—should not left back position: be was one of feel that they are under any imminent threat. That in itself was a useful lesson.

For those who fret that Mr Greenwood seems unable to make up his mind whether to play 4—3—3 or 4—2—4, the game offered no further comfort; but

to operate in the centre of mid-field, but in the second be realized that by running at the defence in the middle of the pitch he could be more damaging. As Johnson's most telling work was done in quick bursts wide of the penalty area and Woodcock disappointingly was not at his best because of the close attention of the diligent Lawrenson, Keegan's decision and application became decisive, especially when Johnson was carried off after a collision with the Irlsh goalkeeper Peyron.
Liverpool, with their midfield player, Somess, facing a possible suspension when he goes before an FA disciplinary commission today, hope that Johnson will be fit for tomorrow's visit to Norwich. His cut head is not as bad

enormous appetite for work.

Keegan was not only the link between midfield and attack, but the inspiration of both. In the first half he tried to allow Robson.

as was first feared. Payton should be fit to play for Fulham against Leicester. Arsenal, however, have doubts about O'Leary, who aggra-vated an earlier ankle injury, and despite making good progress under treatment has only a 50-50 chance of being fit to face Aston

Villa.

Undoubtedly the most frustrating England player was Commingham, who rarely captured his talent for beating the opposing full back, and one felt similarly deprived by the performance of Brady, the Irish captain, who has the ability to do much more than hover in his own half, playing safe negative souare passes. hover in his own half, playing safe, negative square passes.
Johnny Giles, the Irish manager, had said be thought Brady was a better midfield player than Keegan. His point was easily misinterpreted and it proved mistimed. Brady, who was probably being watched by foreign managers hoping to entice him abroad, has the natural gifts to justify such a boast, but would be advised to compare his influence over the game, with that of Keegan, whose second goal, raised over the head of the goalkeeper, was memorable, and whose first cushfoned England when they were struggling to find cohesion. "The work of a master", as Enzo Bearroot, the Italian manager, said loter.

Fined players pledge 100pc effort

Rochdele players yesterday promised to back their manager, Bob Stokoe, despine having their appeal against a £35 a man club fine thrown out by a Football league commission. Cliff Lloyd, the Professional Footballers' Association secretary, who conducted the players' unsuccessful case in London, intends taking it to an independent tribunal.

The players must presert for

The players must prepare for tomorrow's game against the promotion seeking Portsmouth as if nothing had happened. "We just have to carry on as normal", the team captain, Bobby Scaife, said. "We may have lost our fight against the fine but we will go out and give the club and the manager 100 per cent in our nest manager 100 per cent in our next

Allegedly it was for giving a lot the fines. Bob Lord (Burnley).
Dick Wragg (Sheffield United) and Jack Dunnett (Notts County), of the management committee, the management committee, decided that Mr Stokoe was perfectly within his rights to impose the financial penalty after Rochdale's 5—I thrashing at Tranmere.

Mr Lloyd refuses to accept that.

"I was very disappointed and

"I was very disappointed and concerned with the outcome, especially bearing in mind the repercussions it could have throughout the game. Gordon Taylor, the PFA chairman, said: "Mr Stokoe has won the first round but we are determined he won't win the battle. We consider this issue is equal in importance to the fight for the freedom of contract.

A flyweight who is a giant at the box office

In these sophisticated days of sponsorship and television money, it is still spectators sitting on seats or standing on terraces that make sports events great. In boxing particularly, where crowds mean atmosphere, even £1m will not produce a memorable fight if there is nobody there to watch it—which is why the Loudon promoters are so pleased with the impact little Charlie Magri is making on the British public. The promoters estimate that the European flyweight champion is now capable of selling two-thirds of Wembley arena and that he may soon be challenging such box office glants as Billy Walker and

A full house at Wembley is a rare event. The place holds more than 10,000 customers and to sell than 10,000 customers and to sen the very last ticket is quite an achievement. The last time it happened was in june 1977, when Dave (Boy) Green fought Carlos Palomino for the world welter-weight title: it almost happened in March the same year Green met John Stracey.

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Heavyweights used to do it—
not Henry Cooper, but Billy
Walker with fair regularity, and
Joe Bugner, who probably sold
more rickets during his professional career than any other
British boxer of recent years; but
It has never been done by a fly-

weight.

The promoter, Micky Duff considers that this small omission will be put right some time this year, if the world champion can be tempted to London from Korea. The problem is that Chang Hee Park is very expensive to hire, being supported at home by his own national television company to such an extent that offers have to be made to him for vast sums—and even then Korean TV usually rops them.

Selling every seat at Wembles.

usually rops them.

Selling every seat at Wembley—perhaps even moving to Earls Court and selling the extra 6,000 seats there—is a start. Sponsorahip is another possible provider of revenue. The next Wembley show on March 4 is sponsored by Whyte and Mackay, as was Jim Watt's world lightweight title bout in Glasgow last autumn. Selks Watches have also been into boxing, so business is definitely interested. Finally, television—whose contributions, Mr Duff says, are more realistic than they used movement the scale, provided Korean television do not top them it is a far cry from the days whole show at the local baths for \$100.

Alternative offer: Don King, the promoter, has offered Sugar Ray Leonard, the World Boxing Council welterweight champion, \$2.50 to defend his title against the No 1 contender. Roberto Duran, of Panama. Three days ago, a rival promoter, Bob Arum, offered Duran Sim for a challenge against Leonard.

King said he had Duran under contract for a bout with the United States title holder. Arum said he had an agreement with Leonard to promote the champion's next defence after his meeting with Dave Green on March 31. Arum set a deadline of February 15 for acceptance by Duran of his offer, but King did not set a deadline on his offer to Leonard.

Davis Cup surprise

Hobart, Feb 7.—Peter Mac-Namara is a surprise inclusion as Australia's No 2 singles player for the eastern zone Davis Cup final against Japan, starting here to-morrow. MacNamaru, aged 24, was selected ahead of kim Warwick; although he has never represented Australia in the competition.— Agence France Presse.

Scottish clubs favour a winter break many continental countries Asso-ciation Football has a midwinter break, the same cannot happen here. Undoubtedly there is a case By Iain Mackenzie

Rugby clubs in Scotland are fac-Rugby clubs in Scotland are fac-ing serious financial problems. So many games have been cancelled or postponed because of bad weather this season that some clubs are thinking of proposing an official close down during the worst of the winter.

Not one march was played in Scotland last Saturday, after sev-eral inches of snow fell on Friday night. A formight earlier, only one game survived a hard overnight frest. This week blizzards left more than a foot of snow on some grounds, although it is hoped that grounds, although its hoped that will have gone by the weekend, Several clubs have played only one game at home since the end of November, a serious situation when bar takings account for a large part of income. Obviously there are loves at the saye as well. large part of income. Obviously there are losses at the gate as well. League matches have to be rearranged, and although this helps treasurers to some extent, there is little joy for fixture sectetaries squeezing in mid-week names before the end of April. Even the treasurers are not always happy. Many people who attend on Saturday, are unable, or unwilling to turn out on a Monday or Wednesday evening. They cannot be blamed. A game which, in January, was of great importance to both clubs, might be almost meaningless in April.

So far this winter has not been

So far this winter has not been to bad as those of 1978 and 1979. Yet many Scottish clubs (and Enghish ones too) especially in the north, have been forced to call off seven or eight games, more than half of which will not now be

For the record

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here. Undoubtedly there is a case for running the season from, say, September to December and again from March to June. However, Scodand could hardly play alone during those months. The other countries in the Five Nations championship, would have to do the same and normally they are not so badly affected by adverse weather.

Although January and February

Although January and February are usually the coldest months, December and March can be just as bad. So even with a formal shut down, clubs could still find themselves idle at other times.

There are additional problems. Cricket and other summer sports already complain that Association and Rugby Football eat into their short seasons. If rugby is to keep going until the end of June, the cricketers will have greater cause than easy to symble.

than ever to grumble.

Borders clubs—there are seven in the first and second divisions of the national league—have still amother snag to overcome before arguing too loudly for a split season. Traditionally, April is for Second Sevens.
Without exception, the borderers

Without exception, the borderers look to the Sevens to boost their incomes. In some cases they would struggle to survive without them. The Scottish Rugby Union has not always had the most cordial of relationships with its southern members and their sevens and the Union would, no doubt, be happy to have the clubs play into its hand with 15 a side rugby in April. Yet, ironically, it is the border clubs who are hardest hit by bad weather, the exposed nature of

much of the area, mainly hilly and agricultural, makes it a target for low temperatures. Games can be off when they are playing happfly in inverness, 200 miles to

the north.

There is no reason why rugby should not operate a four months on, two months off system. In Scotland's case the September-December period could be used for league fixtures and the district championship; March to June for international trials, internationals themselves, friendly matches and sevens.

The figures years but on average

The figures vary, but on average this season it is costing £500 a week to run a league club in Scorland. This includes the specialist costs, such as kit and of visitors, ground maintenance; and the standard costs, such as light and heat, rates, and telephones.

light and heat, rates, and telephones.
Richard Aitchison, secretary of
Hawick, Scotland's most powerful
club over the years, told me:
"Definitely there is a case for
summer rugby, although I can see
a few problems in the way. We are
certainly fed up here with cancellations and postponements."
Yet a few miles up the road
towards Edinburgh, Bill Jackson,
secretary of Selicht, a first division
side which also plays Hawick in
the Border League, said: "Well,
I don't know. I like my rugby in
the winter and cannot see a real
need for a change."
Selicit bave lost seven games
to the weather so far this season.

to the weather so far this season. Not enough, apparently, to make Mr Jackson vote for a change, and if the clubs themselves disagree, the change will be that much harder in the making.

Bingham is new Northern Ireland manager

Billy Bingham was yesterday appointed Northern Ireland's international manager for the second time. He succeeds Danny Blanchflower, who resigned last November. Bingham, who was part-time manager of the Irish side in the mid-tixties has been given a two-year contract.

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His first job will be to pick the side for the World Cup qualifying tie against farael in Tel Avison March 26. George Best, who is playing for the Scottish Premier division side. Hiberman. could be considered. Bingham said: "I feel that with a positive approach, a settled side and proper organization we can qualify for the 1982 World Cup finals, particularly as two go through from our group."

Bingham won 56 caps for Northern Ireland between 1951 and 1964 and played for Sunderland, Luton, Everton and Post Vale, helping Everton and Post Vale, helping Everton and Post Vale, helping Everton to win the first division title in 1963. He also managed Southport, Plymouth, the Irish League club, Linfield, Everton, Mansfield and the Greek national side. The Irish FA have preferred his experience to the claims of the other leading candidate, the Swindon Town player coach, Brian Hamilton.

Kranki's dream start Vienna, Feb 7.—Hans Kranki, formerly with Barcelona, today scored six goals in his first apearance for Vienna as they best a minor leagues team, Mantmer, 9—1 here.—Reuter.

Clough's long, hard think about cost of George has joined Newcastle United on a

Brian Clough is undecided about paying the 1500,000 Southampton want for Chartie George. The player, whose one-mouth loan period ends next week, played his finird game for Nottingham Forest in Barcelona on Tuesday. He will be idle tomorrow unless there is a rapid improvement in the water-logged City Ground pitch.

"George came here to show that he was fully fit but it was a lad time with matches being called

that he was fully lit but it was a bad time with matches being called off and his being cup-tied. We will have a long, ehard think and come to some sort of a decision on Monday", Mr Clough said. He will probably ask Southampton to lower the price for their former England forward.

If Forest's game with Bristol Clystock abad O'Naill will probably

England forward.

If Forest's game with Bristol City goes ahead O'Neill will probably replace Francis, who has had six stitches put in a leg gash received in Spain.

Mick Ferguson, Covenary City's leading scorer, whose proposed 5750,000 move to Nottingham Forest broke down last month, will be out of action for several weeks with damaged ankle ligaments, The club manager, Gordon Milne, said: "The joint is very swollen and painful and may need to be put in plaster."

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Alistair Robertson, the West Bromwich Albion defender, has been suspended for two matches by an FA disciplinary committee for reaching 20 points. Robertson misses tomorrow's home game against Tottenham Hotspur and the visit to Brighton on February 16.

Alex Cropley, Aston Villa's Scottish international midfield player,

month's loan. Cropley, whose career has been dogged by serious injury, could move permanently if he proves his fitness.

he proves his fitness.

Signed from Arsenal for £125,000 in 1976, he has twice broken a leg. He has made only one appearance for Villa this season when he broke a bone in a foot. With Cowans having established himself in Cropley's former position, and Bullivant and Shelton in reserve, Villa agreed to release Cropley, even though he has shown signs of recapturing his old form in the of recapturing his old form in the

Southend United were too late in trying to sign Keith Mercer, a Warford striker, last night. Terms had been agreed between the clubs at \$50,000. Southend failed to meet the deadline set by Graham Taylor, the Watford manager, who had been angered by a week-long delay.

Southend's sale of Derrick Parker, their leading marksman, for 160,000—needed to finance the Mercer deal—had been delayed for a week until noon yesterday, when Parker joined Barasley. Southend officials dashed to Watford, only to be told that Mercer was having talks with Bristol Rosers and talks with Bristol Rovers and Aldershot. Mike Smith, the former Welsh

team manager, wants John Roberts, the Wrexham defender, to play for him at Hull. He had talks with the player yesterday.

Roberts, aged 33, has won 22 cape.

He moved from Birmingham City
to Wrexham in 1976 for £30,000.

Kelso programme 1.45 MAKERSTOUN OPPORTUNITY HURDLE (Handicap : £339

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Hot Tomato, W. A. Stephenson, 8-10-12

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Inter State, W. A. Stephenson, 7-11-1.
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4.15 MAXTON HURDLE (Div H : Novices : £525 : 2m)

9-4 Carmden. 4-1 Yodelay, 5-1 Cerus. 7-1 Rigion 10-1 Belle Isle Boy, St Georges Day. 16-1 others.

Newbury selections

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Football fixtures THIRD DIVISION: Colchester Uni-led v Grimsby Town (7.50). FOURTH DIVISION: Stockperi County v York City (7.50).

Jogging for life

Jakarta, Feb 7.—Mr Adam Malik Indonesia's Vice-President has started a campaign to abolish the death penalty by jogging round the vast Senayan stadium here six times in a T-shirt bearing the slogan "Abolish death sentence".

Latest European snow reports

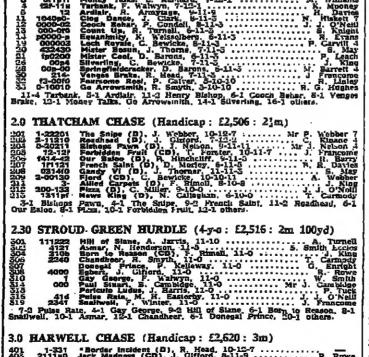
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Best skiing above 2,200 metres In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain. L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes. The following reports have been received from other sources:



Newbury programme

1.30 ALDERMASTON CHASE (Novices: £1,630: 2m 160yd)



**Border Incident (D), R, Head, 10-12-7

Jack Madness (GD), J. Gifford, 8-11-9

Bachelor's Half (C,D), P. Cundell, 10-11-8

Peter Scot (D), D. Gandolro, 9-11-5

Mac Vield (D), Miss P. Neal, 15-11-5

Havanus (C), D. Moriey, 8-11-4

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Coolefancy (D), F. Winter, 9-16-10

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4.0 LANGFORD HURDLE (Novices handicap: £1,335: 3m 120yd) ANGFORD HURDLE (Novices handicap: £1, foliate process of the proce

Racing

Walwyn's horses can make their presence felt

By Michael Seeley Fulke Walwyn can continue winning this afternoon by taking the Stroud Green Hurdle at Newbury with Gay George and the Cricklade Hurdle with Sergeant Pepper. As often happens, when a stable has been suffering from

repper. As often happens, when a stable has been suffering from the virus, the horses come back to form with a vengeance when it is over. And the Lambourn trainer's sparkling double with Diamond Edge and Never Lit Up at Sandown Park last Sapurday gave further proof of the team's well being.

After a close study of Never Lit Up's six lengths defeat of Prince of Bermuda in the Spring Handicap Hurdle, the six-year-old's name must join those of Silver Shadow and Potato Merchant on my short list for tomorrow's Schweppes Gold Trophy. For Prince of Bermuda is the only horse to have defeated Parleur d'Or in that horses's last four outings. And Parleur d'Or certainly endorsed the form with his 12 lengths victory at Fontwell Park on Wednesday.

Park on Wednesday.

The virus first hit Vialwyn's yard after Aalco had won at Cheltenham on October 10. "The horse was coughing when he was led up the drive that evening," said Walwyn. As usual, the epidemic spread quickly through the stables, with most of the immates coughing badly and running high temperatures. "If lasted about six weeks," the trainer said, "and my next winner came when Aalco was successful at Windsor on November 26."

Diamond Edge who is jumping

Diamond Edge, who is jumping well affer his brilliant victory at Sandown Park, was one of the last to start coughing, and was among the worst sufferers. Gay George was another victim, but demonstrated his present well being when winning easily at Windsor recently. The form of that race does not perhaps amount to much on paper and horses like

A fourth likely winner on the Berkshire course is Bishops Pawn who runs in the Thatcham Handicap Steeplechase. Last Saturday, the Scottish trained gelding made the 700 mile round trip from Annan to Esher and defeated So and So by 10 lengths, With the trainer's son, Jim Nelson, again in the saddle, Bishop's Pawn should be too good at the welphy should be too good at the weights for The Snipe, French Saint and Forbidden Fruit.

Vasterday's meetings abandoned: There was no rucing in the British ister costerday. The fixtures at Haydock bork and Hamingdon were abandoned the standard of the standard on Wednesday. Seven hours of rain out paid to Haydock Park early yesterday and Huntingdon became the forty-second victim of the standard when the river rose and flooded the course by midmenning.

Plumpton's royal occasion By Pamela Macgregor Morris

The Prince of Wales will ride in his first race under rules, the Madhatter's Private Sweepstake, at Plumpton on March 4. The directors of the course have reduced the numbers, by ballot, to the safety limit of 14 and named six reserves. Prince Charles is expected to ride an entry owned by Paul Mellon from Ian Balding's stable.

won four times at Badminton, and Richard Meade, holder of two Olympic gold medals. Nick Skelton and Malcolm Pyrah will also compete with Althea Gifford, wife of the trainer, a former show jumper in her own right as Althea Roger-Smith. She is in the field again as the wimer of last year's inaugural race and a surprise runner is Clement Frend, a Liberal member of Parliament. The reserves include Caroline Bradley and the Countess of Suffolk and Berkshire.

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Hill of Slaue, Asmar, Pulse Rate and Snailwell have far more experience. But when trained on the flat by John Oxx last season, Gay George had useful form, winning two handicaps before finishing fifth to Niminski in the Irish St Leger. Gay George cannot be opposed. choice to win the handicap hurdle. The six-year-old has two victories to his credit, in as many visits to Wincanton. On his latest appearance on the Somerset track, Sergeant Pepper strolled home by 10 lengths from Ernies Keep. A 71b penalty should not prevent the gelding from proving too good for Lumen and Shuilaris. Walwyn also runs Tarbank, his track winner in the Aldermaston Novices' Steeple-chase. However, the seven-year-old

2.45 MAXTON HURDLE (Div I : Novices : £510 : 2m) the Aldermaston Novices' Steeple-chase. However, the seven-year-old fell in Pile It High's race at Not-tingham. Over this afternoon's two miles Tarbank may not be sharp enough to cope with Henry Bishop and Cooch Behar. Henry Bishop may concede the weight to Cooch Behar, who shaped with promise for the future when runner-up to Beacon Light in the Scilly Isles Novices Steeplechase at Sandown Park.

3.45 ANCRUM CHASE (Novices: £741: 3m)

Kelso selections By Michael Seely

1.45 Bogrie Moss. 2.15 Crofton Hall. 2.45 Birsby, 3.15 Inter State. 3.45 River Sirene, 4.15 Camden.

By Michael Seely 1.30 Henry Bishop. 2.0 Bishops Pawn. 2.30 Gay George. 3.0 Coolafancy. 3.30 SERGEANT PEPPER is specially recommended. 4.0 Gemini Miss . LA CREME DE LA CREME

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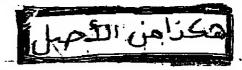
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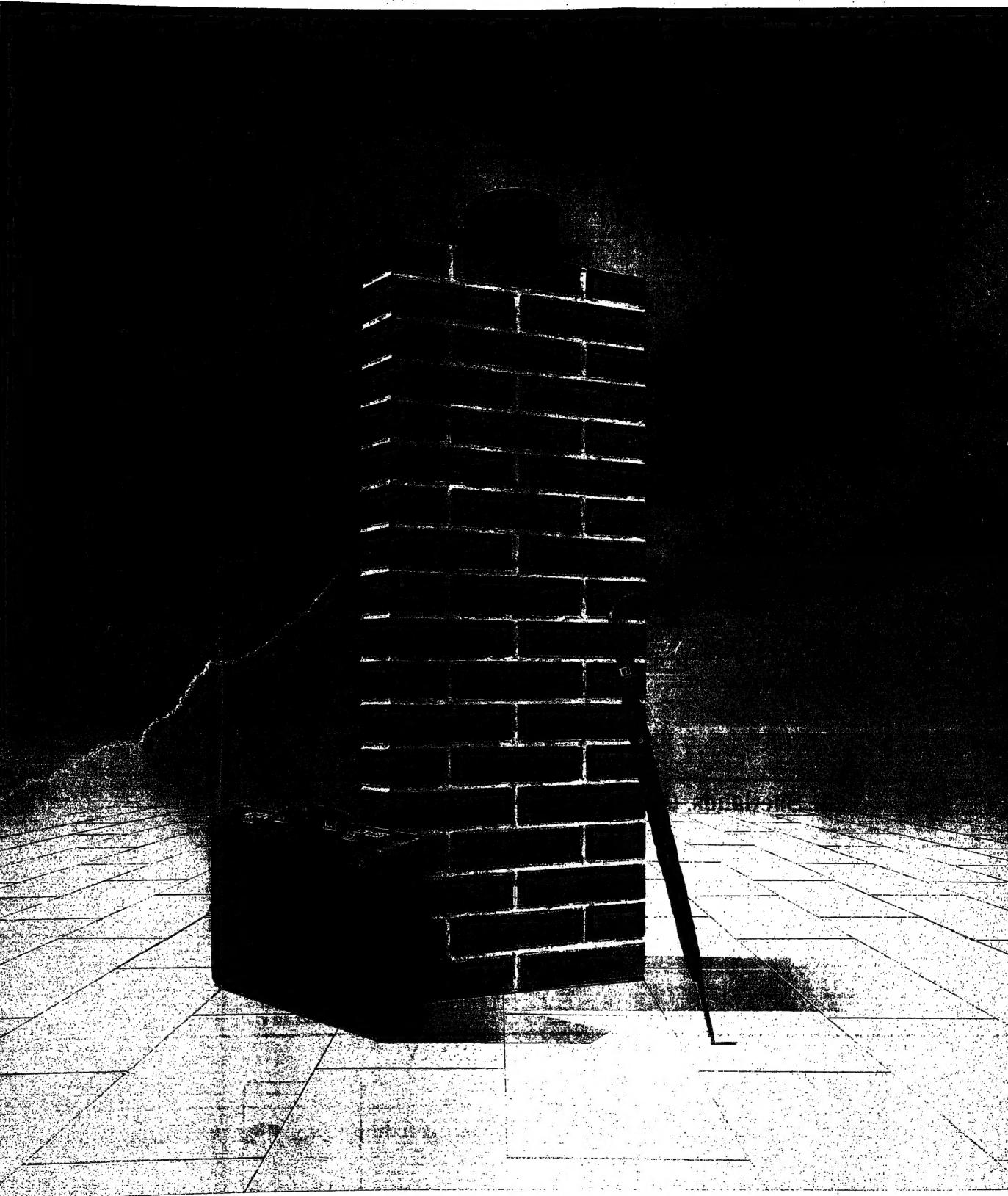
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with hymns is the most powerful image. It is not enough.

Rock: a moral view of the melancholy strains ible by the reliance on slang. And some of the songs, such as "When a Man Loves a Woman" and "Stay With Me", must now be part of her regular reper-

The string of night clubs which are Rose's homes from home, filled with nocturnal friends who always make her welcome, are all lit in shades of red, as if the gates of hell. Beyond these dives and the stages of the concert halls and football stadia which house the massed stadia of her exception. massed ranks of her screaming worshippers, Rose is a nobody. Time and again she is snubbed by the humble people she thinks of as her of as her own and each slap of indifference leaves a scar on a personality which craves applause and affection.

Mark Rydell repeats the cycle of anticipation, exhilaration, emptiness and despair so many times that we, too, are longing for a swift release from such a violent merry-go-round. The Rose may be, primarily, the story of Janis Jophin's last days, The production notes describe it as "a composite portrait of many popular singers of the 1960s" and the film bears the usual disclaimer in the final credits, but there is little doubt that Mark Rydell's The Rose but it also represents those many rock stars, from Brian Jones and Jimi Hendrix to Jim Morrison and Keith Moon, who could not withstand the demands of life as an incernational performer. And the film calls to mind I Could Go On Singing, also an unacknowledged part-biography and the last film to

star Judy Garland. The film opens with the raising of a garage door. Plastered on the walls are the early pictures of a dead singer. The camera closes in on a photograph of a buck-toothed schoolgirl, the young, giggle-eyed Bette Midler, From there the film follows the last sad concerts before the fictional singer dies on stage. During those unhappy weeks she pleads Politicians have rarely been presented with sympathy by American film-makers, except for the bumbling naivery of Gary Cooper's Mr Deeds, and since Watergate their stock has sunk even lower. Every con-spiracy film has had its mean, unscrupulous, egoristical poll-nician. In The Seduction of Joe Tyman, however, there is evidence that the cinema image of politicians is being softened to match the flawed men running in this year's Presidential elec-

The film shows politicians as vulnerable, indecisive and prone to remptation. This human dimension of an otherwise steely breed is given an extra layer of warmth by casting Alan Alda as Senator Tynan, a Democrat and family man whose psychologist wife (Bar-bara Rarris) doubts that their marriage can last the pressures brought to bear by his quest for high office.

She has reason to be wary because she has deduced, rightly, that her husband has rightly, that her husband has been conducting an affair with an ambitious aide (Meryl Streep) who flatters the senator by her compulsive interest in the mechanics of Washington politics. Although portraying politics in a cynical light, no more than a game between power-hungry adversaries, the screenplay, written by Alda, credits politicians with compassion and sincerity.

sion and sincerity.
The director, Jerry Schatz-berg, also allows politicians to show authentic emotions, causing the extra-marital affair to begin unwittingly, accidentally, in a grubby office, developing into a series of credible endrag shows and men's saunas in a grubby office, developing of New York where she developed her act. Much of the dialogue must also be her own: physical infatuation needs to dirty-mouthed, mumbled reparber as a substitution needs to dirty-mouthed, mumbled reparber as a substitution needs to dirty-mouthed.

tee, often made incomprehens. And we are shown Barbara ible by the reliance on slang. Harris's blank expression, dis-And some of the songs, such as guising a brave face, which betrays that she knows in-tuitively that she has just been introduced to her husband's

> The whitewash is not com-plete, however. The senator remains a man who tried to back two winners and, even to the woman he professes to love, he cannot resist the easy smile, the reassuring hand and the deceiful line. To his mistress, he lies: "You remind me of John F. Kennedy. If you looked behind his eyes you could see his intelligence, his wir, his compassion. Just like you." A man who can say that without blushing is a man not to be trusted.

Blake Edwards, in "10", is starting on the first stage of the rehabilitation of his wife, Julie Andrews, who has been imprisoned for many years in a succession of horribly innorent roles, most notably as the perential proper tanny. In trying to exorcise the influence of Mary Poppins and the Von-Trapp family, Miss Andrews has decided to branch out into more adult expertainment. more adult entertainment, bence her appearance in this X-rated West Coast farce.

She plays the divorced (with one son) mistress of Dudley Moore, a man whose fine songs win him Oscars but end up being played as background music in restaurants and lifts. He celebrates his forty-second birthday, suffers a crisis of confidence and chases after a newly-wed couple on their honeymoon to try to capture the secret of eternal youth. After a traumatic encounter wish the handsome Bo Derek, he returns an older but wiser man.

The film has, apparently, been a great success in the United States, where it has clevated Dudley Moore to the top flights of stardom. Despite the spectacular slapstick and the Hollywood locations, he is still the familiar Dudley from Dagenham, the ivory-tinkler with the built-up piano stool who used to perform weekly in Not Only But Also. It will also take more than Blake's "10" to eradicate the primness of Miss Andrews, who still maintains a prudish glow, even when peeling off her clothes.

There must be some explana-tion for Dick Lester's Cuba, although it is hard to imagine what it might me. Filmed in Spain, it light-heartedly cele-brates the violent downfall of the Batista regime in 1959 and the accession of Castro, through the eyes of Sean Connery, a British military adviser helping Batista's army, and his some-time lover, played by Brooke Adams. There are many Lester hallmarks — beautifully comosed frames and a delight in the ludicrous behaviour of overweight businessmen and third-rate entertainers — but otherwise there is only duliness

Nicholas Wapshott David Robinson is at the

along with the Alpine views.
"All of us—even the ladies—

do something", one of them re-marks, although it is some time

before we see any sign of it. It then transpires that one of them is writing a play ("Tell me, Clarence, where are you with the third act?") in which Blanche, a leading lady, is keen to stort and that Lady Melli-

to ster; and that Lady Melli-font is plagued with anxiety about her husband, who does

have an odd way of popping on

Attention throughout these

preliminaries is claimed by Benmussa's startlingly beautiful

set-a terrace, first glimpsed through a Venetian blind, with

bedroom doors and dining table to right and left, and

small cyclorama viewed through a transparent Alpine panorama

mounted on two revolving

with appearances in the sense of how things look; and also in the sense of appearing and disappearing, which is explored in the two strands of the plot.

Besides the unaccountable absences of his Lordship, there

The production is concerned



"Come up and bear me some time"-Bette Midler, a cross between Barbra Streisland and Mae West, in The Rose

Confused *images*

The Risen People

Ned Chaillet

It is no longer possible to confine theatrical judgments in Dublin to the achievements of the Gate and the Abbay Theatres. It has been usual for one or the other to be the city's dramatic creative force and, at the moment with the Abbey riding high on a wave and the Gate sunk with barely a trace, things would be the same ex

things would be the same except for the presence of a third company, the Project Arts Centre, which shows unusual signs of durability.

The Risen People, playing at the ICA as part of the "Sense of Ireland" season, is a fair example of the company's espirations and limitations. It is an episodic retelling of the 1913 lockout, mixing socialism and music, contrasting the church to the union leadership of Jim Larkin, and seeking high theatricalism through limited means.

means. James Plunkett's play, writ-ten first for the radio then turned into the novel Strumpet City, is a kind of domesticated version of Brecht's epic theatre. The sweep of events is confined to a Dublin streetcorner where union members can argue with their blackleg neighbours who work, where Larkin can make orations on behalf of the working class and where a policeman can wander on to beat heads and give history lessons. Jim Sheridan's production strives to use every corner of the ICA theatre but it is frequently self-defeating. Shouts from one end or singing from another can be understood by

those directly in line with the voices, but many words and jokes are lost to the majority of the audience. It is a flaw of the audience. It is a flaw that also carries over to scenes set squarely in the middle of the playing area. A long comic scene about pachandling and the distinctions between Protestants and rich Carbolics presented half the lines to part of the audience and the other half to the rest More clarity is needed. the rest. More clarity is needed.

The strength of the production is not in its cultivated domesticity, but in one or two epic clashes. Larkin leading the workers in a recitation of the words of Christ while the Church seeks to drown him our

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Appearances May Fair

Irving Wardle

"Some people say life is the thing", Logan Pearsall Smith admitted, "bur I prefer read-ing." Coming from an Englishman, that sounds apologetic; coming from Henry James fil-tered through a French sensibility, as it does in Simone Benmussa's Appearances, it changes to a posture of artack.

The third of Mme Benmussa's

productions to reach London, this Jamesian collage is an extreme contribution to the art versus life debate. Style is all, it declares, through the staging as much as through the text. The corset is in fact the back-

is the physical division of others to bear witness as former Moonies, sociologists, vicars and researchers to the danger of this mind-grabbing sect. The mulciplicity of voices reiterating the same charges over and over took the place and the time of

Joan Bakewell It must have broken the heart of Sue Jay, the reporter, when, with the research done and with two days before film-ing, the Unification Church issued an ultimatum that

amounted to a withdrawal. Ham-

let without the Prince? What to do. ATV decided to go ahead and decided bravely. But the resulting documentary came across jumbled in form and overbalanced in content. Having lost their key testimony, that of existing Moon followers, they over-compensa-ted by wheeling on too many

Studios on Wednesday helped

nique, and of the sort of inspira-

Riverside

to raise money for the Church I waited eagerly for evidence of gross financial swindling. The news that they raised the price tion they defined as soul. Their Rosalind Newman technique happened to be tap but the principles apply widely. Rosalind Newman, whose work occupied the main stage that night, is the latest American dancer-choreographer in the John Percival series. Normally she has a com-pany of seven but she has been able to bring only two col-leagues with her to Britain. A late-night film show after the main performance at Riverside

raised

Never mind, the material has all heen reworked for the give an insight into the superior quality of the American visitors to the Dance Umbrella series, No maps on my taps showed three veteran black dancers pre-paring and making a comeback with Lionel Hampton's band in direction, focus and energy. To Harlem. Their reminiscences, their performances (especially that of the superbly modest Chuck Green) and their discusshow those clearly, you need dancers who can make their movements absolutely exact, which she, Ellen Bogart and sions underlined the value of Judich Moss achieve beautitradition, of competitiveness, of fully. But that probably makes it sound rather stark, which it meticulous attention to tech-

of flowers to motorists seemed less than adequate as proof of a world conspiracy. But there were graver charges. And here lay the programme's strength.

sense objection.

Clarence into two selves—the writer immured in his work-

room, and the social self who can barely string two platitudes

together. As somebody puts it, if there are two Clarences, there is "not entirely one Lord Mellifont".

Mellifont values the moun-

tains only because he can

possess them with a pencil. To Blanche, the role she is after

Blanche, the role she is after is a life-and-death matter. James himself, played by Daniel Massey as much the most briskly inquisitive figure on stage, is devoured by the consuming passion for observation. In spite of Blanche's crafty line about dissolving into the role of Albert Nobbs in an earlier Benmussa creation (in that play as in this, the part is played by Susannah York) I do not believe that actors do func-

not believe that actors do func-

tion like this. Reduced to a bare argument. Appearances would merit a jeer of British derision. However, the argument is so cunningly inscribed in the set, dialogy and the set.

dialogue, and the performances

of Donald Pickering, Frances White, and the remaining com-pany, that it repels all common

The Rev Sun Myung Moon is a thrice-married Korean mil-lionaire, aged 61, who believes two issues I longed to hear he is the son of God and aims to rule the world, no less. Patchy newsreel film of him in action was telling in one way. In quite First the abstract one of the nature of free will: where ex-actly is the overlap between conviction, indoctrination and faith? And secondly, the ex-tremely practical: how do the another, so were the stories told by his weak and broken victims, of whom Christine Nixon was the most disarming, and, when it came to it, shrewd: "They Moonies live, eat, earn their living profess Christ and serve Mr Moon? Having heard exit came to it, shrewd: "They were just so nice I realized there was no way this is natural. The final rale told by Mr Moonies confess that they lied and Mrs Stuart-Kregor of their lost son, Paul, was no less poignant for being typical.

The movements remain, much of the time, fairly simple but the gradual development within a shrewdly chosen palette en-sures that they maintain their interest. More than once I began to wonder if perhaps she was limiting the range of move-ment or the variety within that range too severely; each time she neatly avoided danger by veering off to a further develop-ment of the action.

occasion.

He main concerns, she tells
us in a programme note, are
the body's speed, momentum, series are managing to see the work of their transationtic counterparts. Not all American dancing is perfect, but they have a widespread expertise in the States, a greater professionalism among dancers and seriousness among creators, brought about principally by without a break and is again scherzo and this too was force-the qualities mentioned earlier. Pleasantly energetic although seriousness among creators,

Fires of London Oueen Elizabeth Hall

William Mann

Music-theatre has been central to Peter Maxwell Davies's creative work, at least since be formed the Pierrot Players who were later renamed The Fires of London. He has brought much imagination to the elaboration of musical plays that involve the instrumentalists of The Fires, and require as few guest singers as possible.
For the group's resident
soprano, Mary Thomas, he soon
composed Revelation and Fall. He brought in a bass singer with Eight Songs for a Mad King, a non-singing dancer only for Vesalii Icones (which, I see, will be revived at the Fires' next London concert in May).

Le jongleur de notre Dame (a pity it has the same title as Massenet's cpera) is as brilliant as any of Davies's solutions, as he reminded us in a staged performance on Wednesday on South Bank. Again there is one singer, Donald Bell this time as the Abbot, in whose monastery of Our Lady three of the Friars express themselves on their own instruments or by acting, never by word of mouth; likewise Our Lady who, in a miraculous manifescation, delivers her message in a violin solo, being portrayed by the Fires' violinist Beverley

The better to justify instrumental vocalism, the title role and of Our Lady's Tumbler is, in sion.

context quite logically, given to a clown, Rhubarb (alias Martin Solity) whose clowning and juggling, feats of halance and mime, are not only perfectly articulate but hold the stage as the protagonist must. The mixture of solemnity and hilarity has always been in Davies's musical personality (Germans will probably call him the English Kagel and, if I work him, I might not object) and is finds a sublime, moving, as well as cheerful outlet in Our Lady's Tumbler. So does Davies's championship of local boys and girls, although only at the beginning and end, when a band of youngsters (this time from Highgate School) escorts

Rhubarb in and out. Davies wrote his Inngleur for church performance: it takes place before the altar of the Blessed Virgin, and so it was performed in 1978, first on Orkney, then in Edinburgh, In Queen Elisabeth Hall Rhubarb cannot ride his monocycle down the steps, so his entry and exit with band are foreshortened; the altar has to be a stage property, less splendid and sizable than may be wished, the Madonna's alter-piece decidedly under-size. Yet this porformance was convincingly dramatic, the simple lighting quite effective, the visual ten-sions matched to the musical ones. It was a pleasure to see and hear the admirable Mr Bell again, likewise dear Rhubarb, from David Campbell's clarinet and Gregory Knowles's percus-

RTE Quartet Wigmore Hall

Max Harrison

Wednesday's concert by the Radio Telefis Eireann Academica String Quartet was the first of 10 programmes to be given this month and next by various artists as part of the "Sense of Ireland" festival. They began with a Quartet in C minor by Frederick May, a whose music is composer scarcely known here. He was born in Dublin in 1911 and studied with Gordon Jacob, Vaughan Williams and later with Egon Wellesz in Vienna. The quartet dates from 1936

and, at the risk of sounding patronising, is a striking piece for its time and place, its use of the medium conventional yet vigorous. On one hearing, the opening movement seemed the best, its three main thematic ideas being developed at length and rising to an impressive fugato. The scherzo follows

the ideas are rather less memorable.

Similarly, the third and last movement, which is much too long, suffers from a lack of variety, although it is not with-out moments of intensity. The Radio Telefis Eireann Academica's advocacy was always convincing and they brought out the sadness which. I thought, underlies this music's fluent surface activity.

That same quality, though raised of course to a much higher power, more thoroughly informs the other piece we heard, Schubert's "Death and the Maiden" quartet in D minor. Here one could judge the ensemble, which was formed in 1967, on familiar ground.

The outer movements are demanding both musically and in terms of executive energy, but the playing was always suitably demonic, the long lines always taut, the agitation controlled in the clay move. controlled. In the slow movement each variation on "Tod und das Madchen" was effectively characterized and the players' string tone was noticeably rich here. Anxiety returns

House of Lords

Limits on power of judges to interpret the law

Lord Diplock,

Edmund-Davies, Lord Fraser of Tullybelton, Lord Keith of Kinkel and Lord Scarman

If judges go beyond their judicial role of interpreting plain and simple words in Acts of Parliament because they themselves consider that the results of strict interpretation would be interpretation would be interpretation. expedient, unjust or immoral, confidence in the judicial system may be undermined. Particularly in the controversial field of industrial relations, Parliament's opinion on those matters was paramount. Members of the House criticized the Court of Appeal for not apply-ing in the recent steel strike proceedings their Lordships' ded-sion in Express Newspapers Ltd v MacShane (The Times, December 14; [1980] 2 WLR 80. Their Lordships held that acts of trade union officers, aimed at putting pressure on the government, which they genuinely believed would assist to bring the steel strike to a successful end were "acts in furtherance of a trade dispute" and so immune from an action in

The House handed down their reasons for allowing (The Times, February 2) an interlocutory appeal by defendants. Mr William appeal by defendants. Mr William Sirs, general secretary of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation. and two other officers, from the Court of Appeal (the Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Lawton and Lord Justice Ackner) (The Times, January 28) which had allowed an appeal from Mr Justice Kenneth Jones in chambers and had granted an interim injunction to 16 private sector steel compato 16 private sector steel compa-nies restraining the union officers from inducing their employees to break their contracts of employment by striking and against in-ducing any ISTC members to interfere with the supply of steel to or from the companies' works to or from the companies works or to picket their premises. The Court of Appeal had refused leave to appeal but it was granted on January 31 by the Appeal Committee of the House of Lords.

Section 13 (1) of the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act.

1974, as amended by the Trade Union and Labour relations (Amendment) Act, 1976, provides:

"An act done by a person in "An act done by a person in contemplation or furtherance of a trade dispute shall not be action-able in tort on the ground only— (a) - that it induces another per-

Section 17(2) of the 1974 Act, as amended by the Employment Protection Act, 1975, and the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Act, 1976, provides: "(2) It is hereby declared for the avoidence of doubt that where an application is made to a court, panding the trial of an action, for an interlocutory injunction and the party against whom the injunction is sought claims that he acted in contemplation or furtherance of a trinde dispute, the court shall, in exercising its discretion whether or not to grant the injunction, have regard to the likelihood of that party's succeeding at the trial of the action in establishing the matter or matters which would, under any provision of section 13, 14(2) or 15 above, afford a defence

in the action."

Mr J. Melville Williams, QC, and Mr John Hendy for the defendants; Mr Alexander Irvine, QC, and Mr Christopher Carr for the plainuff steel companies. LORD DIPLOCK sold that the House decided in MacShane that, on the true interpretation of section 13(1), the test whether an act was "done by a person to contemplation or furtherance of a trade dispute" and so entitled him to immunity from a part of the common law of tort, was purely subjective; namely, prorided that the doer of the act honestly thought at the time he did it that it might help one of the parties to a trade dispute to achieve their objectives and did it for that reason, he was protected by the section. That conclusion on the mean-ing of words which had been used

by successive Parliaments since the Trade Disputes Act, 1906, to describe acts for which the doer was epitted to immunity from the law of tort over an area that had repugnant to anyone who had spent his life in the practice of law or the administration of justice.
Sharing those instructs as his

siderable reluctance, for given the existence of a trade dispute, it evistence of a trade dispute, it involved graphing to trade unions a power, which had no other limits than their own self-restraint, to inflict by means contrary to the general law uncold harm to industrial enterprises unconcerned with the particular dispute, to the employees of such patterns. enterprises, to members of the public and to the nation itself, so long as those in whom the con-trol of the trade union was vested ionestly believed that to do so might assist it. albeit, in a minor way, in achieving its objectives in that dispute.

In that dispute.

It a time when more and more cases involving the application of legislation which gave effect to policies that were the subject of hitter public and parliamentary controversy, it could not be too strongly emphasized that the British constitution, though largely unwritten, was firmly based on the senaration of powers; Parliathe separation of powers: Parliament made the laws, the judiciary interpreted them. When Parliament legislated to remedy what the majority of its members at the time perceived to be a defect or lacuna in the existing law (whether the written law enacted by existing statutes or the unwritten common law as expounded by the judges) the role of the judiciary was confined to ascer-taining from the words Parliament taining from the words Parliament had approved as expressing its intention, what that intention was, and to giving effect to it.

Where the meaning of the statutory words was plain it was not for the judges to invent fancied ambiguities as an excuse for failing to give effect to that plain meaning because they themselves considered that the consequences of doing so would be quences of doing so would be inexpedient, or even unjust or mimoral. In controversial matters uch as were involved in industrial relations there was room for dif-ferences of opinion as to what was expedient, what was just, and what morally justifiable. Under our constitution it was Parliament's opinion on those matters A statute passed to remedy what Parliament perceived to be a defect in the existing law might in actual operation turn out to

when the statute was passed: if it had, it would have made some provision in the Act in order to

prevent them. It was at least possible that Parliament, when the 1974 and 1976 Acts were

nassed, did not anticipate that 50

widespread and crippling use as bad in fact occurred would be

nade of sympathetic withdrawals

made of sympametic withorawais of labour and of secondary black-ing and picketing in support of sectional interests able to exercise "industrial muscle". But if that

were so, it was for Parliament, not for the judiciary, to decide whether any changes should be made to the law as stated in the Act, and, if so, what were the precise limits that ought to be imposed on the immunity from liability for torus committed in the course of taking industrial action.
It endangered continued public confidence in the political impar-tiality of the judiciary, essential to the continuance of the rule of law, if judges, under the guise of interpretation, provided their own preferred amendments to statutes which experience of their operation had shown to have had consequences that members of the court before when the matter court before whom the matter

to the public interest. The frequency with which controversial legislation was amended by Parliament indicated that legislation, after it had come into operation, might produce injurious results that Parliament did not anticipate. But Parliament did not legislate for individual cases. Public Acts of Parliament were general, governing all cases falling within caregories of which the within categories of which the definitions were to be found in the wording of the Act. So, in relation to section 13(1), for a judge (who was always dealing with an individual case) to pose himself the question "Could Parliament the property of the case of t the question "Could Parliament really have intended that the acts that were done in the particular case should have the benefit of immunity?" was to risk straying beyond his constitutional role as interpreter of the enacted law and assuming a power to decide at his own discretion whether or not apply the general law to a parto apply the general law to a par-poular case. The legitimate ques-tions for a judge in his role as interpreter of enacted law were: has Parliament, by the "How has Parliament, by the words it has used in the statute to express its intentions, defined the category of acts that are entitled to the immunity? Do the acts done in this particular case fall within that description?"

The first question had been assumed by the House in The first question had been answered by the House in MacShane. The principal question in the appeal was whether the Court of Appeal was right in overruling the finding of Mr Justice Kenneth Jones that it was highly probable that the acts complained of in the instant case did fall within the category of acts entitled to the immunity.

to the immunity.

The British Steel Corporation (BSC), a public authority established under the Iron and Steel Act, 1975, to tun the nationalized sector of the steel industry, employed a workforce of some 150.000, of whom about 95,000 were ISTC members. Under the Act the Secretary of State was empowered by section 4 to give to BSC general directions as to the exercise and performance of its functions. general directions as to the exercise and performance of its functions, and under Part II, sections 14 to 24, he was entitled to exercise a relatively close control over the corporation's finances and in particular its borrowings. In effect, if BSC was operating at a loss, as it notoriously had been doing, the Secretary of State held the purse strings; and the government had announced its decision not to provide any public funds to enable BSC to meet its operating losses after March 30, 1980.

Negotiations between ISTC and BSC on wage rates for 1980 made

BSC on wage rates for 1980 made little progress, and on January 2, 1980, the ISTC executive council called a strike of its members em-ployed by BSC. That was the trade dispute in furtherance of which the union claimed the subsequent steps that were the subject of the instant appeal were taken. The private sector of the industry employed as part of its workforce some 15,000 ISTC members. There was no existing trade dispute between them and their employees.

By January 16 the ISTC executive council, dissatisfied at the progress the strike was making, resolved to call out on strike members in the private sector on January 26 unless a settlement with BSC had been reached. Notice of that resolution was sent by Mr Sirs to the Independent Steel Employers' Association. His letter stated that the executive council while agreeing that there was no dispute with any independent steel employer, were fittaly of opinion that the dispute was be-coming "politically stage-managed by the Conservative government; ; that they felt that with not being made an offer of any new money they were being singled out for they were being studied out for a direct government and BSC attack; that it was "because of the political intervention that [the] executive council feel that we should now take the action of involving the private sector in the public bartle against the government artitude ".

ment attitude".

The main purpose of the letter was to speed up the time when the shortage of steel for manufacturing industry would really begin to bite, so that those manufacturers whose businesses would sustain serious fosses, those workers who would lose their jobs and members of the public who and members of the public who would suffer hardship, would be induced to put maximum pressure on the government to revoke its previous decision and loosen the purse-strings to BSC to enable it to pay its workforce wages higher than would be commercially posto pay its workforce wages bigner than would be commercially possible out of operating earnings. Faced with that threat 16 private sector companies issued a writ on January 23 claiming injunctions against inducing employees to break their contracts of employment by coming out on wrike, and against inducing any ISTC members to interfere with the supply of steel to or from company works or to picket their premises.

company works or to picket their premises.

An application for interim injunctions was dismissed by Mr Justice Kenneth Jones, who held that the case was indistinguishable granted the injunctions, and somewhat surprisingly, refused leave to appeal to the House.

The Court of Appeal decision was unanimous, though the reasons given by the individual members not identical. A feature of their judgments was in the absence of any recognition that the court's task was not one of exercising an original discretion of its own to grant or withhold an its own to grant or withhold an interlocutory injunction but of reviewing the exercise by a High reviewing the exercise by a High Court judge of an original discretion which was his alone and which he had exercised in favour of withholding an injunction.

Apart from a passing observation by the Master of the Rolls that the speeches of the majority of the House in MacShane as to the majority of the real ways while the nature of the the purely subjective nature of the relevant test of entidement to immunity under section 13(1) were not nearly as clear as the judge had thought, no deference was paid to his exercise of a discretion which the law had entrusted to him; there was no examination of his reasons for exercising it as he did. Indeed both Lord Denning and Lord Justice Ackner referred

to the exercise of "our" dis-cretion by the Court of Appeal. All three members of the court

All three members of the court took the view that the original trade dispute between ISTC and BSC about wages had generated a second dispute between ISTC and the government; that that second dispute did not fall within the definition of "rade dispute" hereuse the sovernment were not

sector was an act done in further-ance of that second dispute (the ance of that second inspired his two disputes arguments.

If all that was accepted as an accurate description of the situation on January 17, how did that prevent the act of calling out the workers in the private sector from being an act done in furtherance of the trade dispute between ISTC

and BSC which was still subsist and BSC winch was sain subsisting? If the executive council honestly believed that a principal reason why BSC would not agree to raise wages to the level the ISTC was demanding was because the government was adhering to a policy of refusing to provide a policy of refusing to provide BSC with the money to do so out of public funds, what could be better calculated to promote the success of ISTC's demands in its trade dispute with BSC than to take steps to create a nation-wide shortage of steel which would induce as many victims of the shortage to put pressure on the government to change its policy? Some might deplore that conduct; harsh words descriptive of it harsh words descriptive of it might come readily to the tongue; but whatever else might be fairly said about it, it could not be said with any plausibility that it was not done in furtherance of the existing trade dispute with BSC.

The "two disputes argument" had originated from a suggestion from the Bench during the Court

nad originated from a suggestion from the Bench during the Court of Appeal hearing; Counsel for the private companies had concluded, before the hearing in the House, that that argument could not ratioually be supported and he had not sought to uphold the Court of Appeal judgments on that ground. Lord Denning had advanced an Lord Denning had advanced an alternative reason for allowing the appeal which was not echoed in either of the other judgments. He was unwilling to accept that the majority speeches in MacShane had expressed a clear opinion that the test of whether an act was done in furtherance of a trade dispute was consider cubication. That pute was purely subjective. That had led him to conclude that the House had not rejected a test based on remoteness that he him-self had adumbrated and adopted in three earlier cases which he said had not been specifically singled out in MacShane as being over-ruled. He inferred from that that it was arguable that they still re-

If was arguable that they still remained good authority.

In MacShane, however, the House had rejected as wrong in law the test of remoteness.

There remained the argument for distinguishing the instant case from MacShane which counsel for the companies had addressed to the thing the colly argund on the judge—the only ground on which be felt able to rely in invit-ing the House to overrule the judge's exercise of his discretion. It received no mention in the judg-ments of the Master of the Rolls or Lord Justice Lewton, but Lord Justice Ackner treated it as

or Lord Justice Lewton, but Lord Justice Ackner treated it as arguable.

The argument started with a question in a form which presented the court with an insidious temptation to cross the boundary between interpretation and legislation:

"Can Parliament in passing the 1974 and 1976 Acts have intended the immunity conferred by it to extend to acts the object of which was to coerce governments by the infliction of great damage on an innocent public?" unocent public?

innocent public?"

Parliament might not have expected when it passed those Acts that union leadership would use the immunity granted by section 13(1) in such a way as to produce consequences so injurious to the nation; but if there was some legal limit on the immunities under the existing legislation it must be found as a matter of contraction of the an act might be directed at put-ting pressure on—or coercing—s minister to alrer government to terms and conditions of to terms and conditions of semployment was evident from section 29(2) (b) which brought within the definition of "trade dispute" a dispute between workers and a minister of the Crown if the dispute related "to matters which cannot be settled without that minister exercising a power conferred upon him by or under an anextment". The

power conferred upon mm by or under an ensciment". The existence of that provision dis-posed of the suggestion that Parliament intended that the mere fact that an act was done with the purpose of coercing government was sufficient in itself to take the act outside the immunity.

Faced with that difficulty counsel submitted that the expression if an act done . . . in furtherance of a trade dispute if was confined to acts intended to have an immediate adverse trade or industrial effect on the opposite that the residuation is to the conductivity of the

industrial effect on the opposite party to the trade dispute or to set up a train of trade or industrial causes and effects which would have an adverse consequence of that kind on the opposite party. Like the judge his Lordship found ausive the concept of a train of causes and effects confined to causes and effects that could be described as "trade or industrial", and was presumably supposed to be broken by the interposition of a cause and presumany supposed to be broken by the interposition of a cause and its effect which could not be so described. No principle of construction would justify reading into the plain and simple words of section 13(1) additional words to give effect to so elusive a concept.

The effect of section 17(2) on the judge's discretion whether or not to grant an interlocutory injunction had been discussed by the House in NWL v Woods (The Times, November 13: [1979] 1 WLR 1294). The judge took the view that there was a high probability that the union defendants' claim to immunity would succeed. He took account of the evidence that if the threatened private sector strike were to continue for any length of time it would bring in its train consequences of crippling gravity to the manufacturing industries, workers em-The effect of section 17(2) on turing industries, workers em-ployed in them and the nation as a whole. In refusing an injunction he followed his Lordship's guide-ance in NWL.

It was the exercise by the judge in the Court of Appeal itself, that the House was required to review—namely whether the defendants' claim to immunity for fendants' claim to immunity for their action in extending the strike to the private sector might fail. His Lordship considered, as did the judge, that there was so high a degree of probability that it fell little short of certainty that it would not. Accordingly be saw no ground on which the House no ground on which the House would be entitled to interfere with the judge's exercise of his

25 years ago

waive two of the local regulations for Sunday musical entertainments which were laid down at the general meeting of the Stockton bor-

ough magistrates in 1933. One is that three-quarters of the proceeds from a Sunday concert must go to charity; the other that Sunday concerts should not begin before 7.45 pm. It was intended to hold the Gigli recital at 3 pm. "The teason for the 7.45 pm opening is obviously so as not to interfere with churchgoing either", Mr at the Globe Theatre, Stockton, on February 27, a Sunday, Mr J. H. Bloom on behalf of the theatre proprietors asked the Bench to waive two of the local regulations for Sunday musical entertainments which were laid down at the general meeting of the Stockton borough magistrates in 1933. One is

The nature and gravity of the damage which would be caused if the strike extended to the

private sector continued for any length of time was not in itself exceptional. Recent experience had shown that almost any major strike in one of the larger manu-facturing or service industries, if sufficiently prolonged, might bring the nation to its knees. It was the ability in the last resort to a threat to do that without involving any breach of the civil or criminal law as it now stood, that gave to trade unions, individually and collect-ively, their "industrial muscle". In practice, one side or the other to the dispute gave way, and a settlement was arrived at, with or without government intervention, before that point was reached. If the national interest required that some limits should be put

changed, and that could only be done by Parliament, not by the judges. As a means of controlling abuse of industrial muscle, injunctions granted in civil actions depended granted in civil actions depended for their efficacy on the respect which the majority of those rak-ing part in industrial action paid to the law as laid down by the judges. Civil actions could not be brought against trade unions, but against individual defendants only; and only those individuals were bound to observe the injunction. bound to observe the injunction. Everyone else involved in the in-dustrial action could carry on with impunity doing that from which the individual defendants had been restrained.

been restrained.

If judges were to grant injunctions notwithstanding that
they knew that it was highly
probable that the acts that they
were enjoining were perfectly
lawful, it was unlikely that
voluntary respect for the law as
paid down and applied by comes voluntary respect for the law as laid down and applied by courts of justice would continue to have any influence in controlling industrial action. For those reasons the voluntarial action, and approach the voluntarial action. his Lordship had expressed his self in favour of allowing the

appeal.

LORD EDMUND - DAVIES, agreeing with Lord Diplock, said that the outcome was unpalarable to many, What should be equally clear was that the provision was not the work of judges but of Parliament, and it was to Parliament alone that those who found the state of the law keaupportable might now appeal. hight now appeal.

Lord Fraser delivered a con-

Lord Fraser delivered a con-curring speech.

LORD KEITH said that there were to reasonable grounds for doubting that the defendants' action was taken with the genuine purpose of promoting their union's side of its trade dispute with BSC over wages. There was little prospect of BSC being able to pay higher wages unless the government made available money levied from the general body of taxpayers. So the defendants' action designed to result in pressure on the government was plainly directed to improving the prospects of their wage claim being met. Even if the quality of the action properly fell to be tested objectively, which was not the position, the test would be satisfied.

His Lordship, considering the

His Lordship, considering the Court of Appeal Judgments, said that it was no part of the function of a court of law to form conclusions about the martin of the sions about the merits of the issue. The one public interest which courts should treat as their concern was the degree of respect commanded by the judicisi system. Involvement in political controversy, particularly in the legislatively governed field of damage that interest.

LORD SCARMAN, also agree-

found questions of the proper re bip in our society between Parliament. His basic criticism of all three Court of Appeal judgments was that in their desire to do justice according to law.

In our society the judges had in some aspects of their work had a discretionary power to do justice so wide that they might be regarded as lawmakers; but they had accepted in the interests of covariny the self-desying ordinance of stare decisis, the doctrine of binding precedent: and that had helped to maintain confidence in the certainty and evenhandedin the certainty and evenhanded-ness of the law. But in the field of statute law

the judge must be obedient to the will of Parliament as expressed in its enactments. There Parlia-In its enactments. There Parliament made and unmade the law. The judge's duty was to interpret and apply the law, not to change it to meet his idea of what justice required. He might invite Parliament to reconsider its provision; but he must not deny the statute. And the keystone of stare decisis was loyalty to the decisions of the Court of Appeal and the House. Within those limits, judges, as the remarkable judicial career of Lord Denving himself showed, had a genuine creative role. Great Lord Denning himself showed, had a genuine creative role. Great judges were in their different ways judicial activists. But the constitution's separation of functions must be observed if judicial independence was not to be put at risk. For if people and Parliament came to think that the judicial power was to be confined by nothing other than the judge's sense of what was right confidence in the judicial system would be replaced by fear of it becoming uncertain and arbitrary in its application. Society would then be ready for Parliament to cut the power of the judges. Their power to do justice would become more restricted by law then it need be, or was today. or was today.

The Court of Appeal failed to tonstrue or apply the statute in the way the House had plainly said it was to be construed and

If the law was unacceptable, the remedy lay with Parliament, not the judges. And if Parliament was minded to amend the statute, his minded to amend the starute, his Lordship would suggest that the draftsman should be bold and tackle his problems head on. If he was to put a limitation on the immunities in section 13, let him do so by limiting the heads of tortious liability where immunity was conferred; if he was to strengthen the availability of interlocutory relief in industrial relations, let him include clear guidelines in the statute. And if he was to himit secondary or he was to limit secondary or tertiary "blacking" or picketing, the statute must declare whose premises might, or might not, be picketed and how far the "blacking or picketing might extend.
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FOREIGN REPORT

Helping homeless has been left to Western nations

The former Prime Minister who cares for world's refugees

It is an indication of the inexocable growth of the international refugee problem that some 200 officials of the United Nations High Commission for Refugees are based in Thailand. Last summer, the figure would have represented a quarter of UNHCR's entire staff. Today, there are 1,200 officials at the Geneva headquarters and around the world to deal with 10 million to 12 million refugees and displaced persons potentially eligible for assistance under the UNHCR mandate.

Commitments this year call for a hudget of £250m yer the High Commission is dependent on voluntary contributions to enable it to provide international protection for refugees and seek a permanent selution to their problems "on a purely humanitarian and non-political basis". While Mr Poul Hartling, the High Commissioner for Refugees, would welcome more funds for his organization's general programme, instead of their being earmarked for specific groups of refugees, he believes the voluntary system is the only feasible way.

"A fixed budget is all right for agencies like the United Nations Development Programme, building roads and so on that will take a given number of years," he says. "But with refugees people like to help in special situations. Also, requirements are always changing so quickly. Almost from one week to the other you may find another 200,000 people on your lap. As soon as one problem is contained another crops up. I hope I may experience a year change of the contained and the crops up. I hope I may experience a year change of the contained and and the contained another con when our programmes can be reduced and we have to ask for less money. But in the past two years the opposite its applied." With Mr Hartling, a first impression for once, hits the mark. He looks like a minister of the church. He did, indeed,

study theology at Copenhagen University In 1939 and became curate of the Frede riksberg Church, in central Copenhagen, before turning to politics. On further acquaintance, he does not give one the feeling that his character has been markedly changed by these earlier years. In changing circumstances, includ-

ing his active period in the Danish Liberal

The main areas of UNHCR involvement, with radige figures, are as follows:
Vietnam (since summer of 1975) 600,000;
Kampuches (since 1975) 300,000 inside Kampuches (since 1975) 300,000 inside Thailand—those on border being helped by ICRC and UNICEF; Somalia 500,000 in camps and 700,000 outside camps; Sudan (since 1972) 400,000; Pakistan 500,000 from Afghanistan; Rhodesia 230,000 Zimbsbwe-Rhodesians, now being reputriated; Bangladesh-Burma (spring of 1978 to end of 1979) 200,000 returned to urous. [The list does not take account of 2.4

million Palestinians with whom the United Nations Relief and Works Agency is con-

Party, with spells as Prime Minister (1973-75) and Foreign Minister (1968-71), he has continued to interpret the acts and motivations of others strictly according to the family ethics on which he was brought up,



particular acceptance of the concept that to extent a helping hand to persons in distress, spiritual or material, is a moral obligation on those fortunate enough to be spared such ordeals.

"We have in Denmark, Norway and Sweden, a long tradition of social understanding", he says. "There is the conviction that nobody should starve or suffer if we can help in any way. It's much the same in other democratic countries, as Britain or Switzerland when reconstructions." Britain or Switzerland, where appeal can be made to the individual.

"In Denmark during the 1930s there were many refugees from Nazi Germany. We took care of them. During the German We rook care of them. Dairing the German occupation, a great effort was made to rescue and save our own Jews. Ever since, and perhaps even more in Norway, there has been this ready commiscration for refugees, the feeling that one must help people in trouble. A result maybe of centuries of Christianity and a peculiarly Nordic sense of what is right and what is

There is an unwavering consistency of method in Mr Hartling's make-up, an asset in his present job, which he took up two years ago, after the United Nations General Assembly elected him by acclamation in December, 1977, for a five-year term.

His reference to Norway is apposite. Assistance to refugees was first organized under international suspices in 1921, with the appointment of Dr Fridthof Nansen, a Norwegian scientist and explorer, as High Commissioner for Refugees of the League of Nations. He held the post until 1930, receiving from the League a yearly grant to cover his office's administrative costs but financing relief and resettlement from whatever outside sources he could find. The same procedure still applies. But Mr Hartling notes appreciatively

in virtually all Western governments a recognition that affluent industrialized societies should accept and honour humanitarian obligations. He terms this very concrete contribution to peace He has also been remarking publicly that the Soviet block countries' record in contributing to UNHCR's efforts is "very insignificant ". He sees here "a pattern that has almost become a tradition".

Helping refugees has been left to the

He hopes this can be changed, especially as a country like China came forward last year for the first time and contributed Sim." The change came after he had visited China.

"A few donations have come from other socialist countries but usually they do not join in There is still a long way to go before all nations have become parties to the 1951 convention on refugees. Of the 79 who are, some are not contributing. It hould be universal ", he says.

should be universal ". he says.

He detects, however, an emerging Third
World consciousness of how refugees must
be aided: "This is especially so in Africa,
which has always had a great tradition
for hospitality. Take last year's Arusha
conference, when the government repreconference, when the government representatives agreed that receiving refugees was not a hostile act. President Nyerere said: 'We are 400 million people and there are four million refugees in Africa. Shouldn't we be able to take care of that percentage of our own people in need?'. I think that spirit is now far more evident than before."

It is probably exiomatic that behind overy refuges there is the menace of political tension. But, Mr Harrling says we try our best never to forget that, irrespective of numbers, refuges flows are made up of individuals, even if initially, in providing food and sireliter, we are obliged to treat them as groups."

chan before.

He acknowledges that refugees anywhere may sometimes be used as political pawns, perhaps as a destabilizing factor.

"But it is my view that a country with part of its population departing is losing something and other countries are gaining something. The refugee is taking with him more than just a bundle of belong-ings. Many outstanding people, among them Einstein, have been refugees. We like to do what we can in accord-

ance with a government, sometimes we try to persuade a government to act differently. But we are part of the United Nations; we can never act by ourselves against a government".

He believes that the dramatic plight of

the Boar People, and subsequently the spectacle of emaciated Kampucheans dragging themselves into Thailand in search of food and shelter, has made the Western world more sensitive than ever to what refugees' circumstances may

As a result, the general response, he says, "has been more positive", even though appeal has followed appeal—for South-East Asia. Africa, Nicaragua, Pakistan-and more countries have come for ward to offer new homes.

Prince Sadruddin Aga Khau, the former High Commissioner, described our world eight years ago as "this century of the uprocted man". Those words now seem simost prophetic, for there was little indication then of the enormously in-creased load the second half of the decade would impose on UNHCR's capabilities.

Alan McGregor

Mexicans still remember the Alamo

Texas ceased to be part of Mexico within seven weeks of the siege of the Alamo, where frontiersmen Jim Bowie, Davy Crockett and about 180 other copie died trying to fight off

Mexican troops.
Independence was secured on April 21, 1836, when Sam have dipped to their coolest Houston, military commander for many years, of the Republic of Texas, sur- Mexico has generally been prised Mexican soldiers at San

Jacinto. His men captured Antonio López de Santa Ana, who had dency after a coup in 1833.
Texas was amexed to the United States in 1846.

Whenever conversation in Mexico touches on the state of United States-Mexican United States-Mexican rela-tions, Mexicans invariably bring up the whole sad story of how Mexico lost Texas—fol-lowed by parts of the other states further west-to the

Americans.

Obviously they know there is nothing to be done about Texas now. But many Mexicans allude to it as though wanting are 200,000 million.

million barrels. Another 45,000 million are probable reserves. Potential reserves, including both the proven and probable, are 200,000 million. convince themselves that the Americans stole Texas from them and should always be treated with the utmost toughness to avoid similar chi-

canery in the future.

After all, they say, had the Mexican Government not approved the establishment of settlements in specific parts of Texas, the Texan revolutionary spirit might not have been

Moses Austin had obtained permission from the Spanish Government to settle 300 fambeen realilies on 200,000 acres. Mexico haggling.

approved the plan when it gained its independence from Spain in 1821. have been brought up in dis-

cussions frequently in recent weeks as relations between Mexico and the United States have dipped to their coolest firm in its dealings with the

United States in the recent past. For exemple, it refused to go along with the boycott of Cuba, initiated in the 1960s and led by the United States.

Mexico's determination not to be browbeaten by its neighbour to the north has been reinforced by its newly sequired oil wealth. Mexico realizes it must redesign its international strategy, taking

into account the greater in-fluence its oil has given it. Proven reserves are 45,800 When President Carter visited Mexico City a year ago his Mexican counterpart. Secon Carter José López Portillo, criticized the United States' "surprise moves and sudden deceit" in

dealings with Mexico.

Señor López Portilla called them "poisonous fruits that sooner or later have a whiplash effect". He was referring to Washington's blocking of a natural gas deal between Mex-ico and six United States companies. Agreement has since been reached, but after much Constantly harming relations crisis". The Mexican Govern-are periodic American threats ment denied there bud been to halt the heavy flow of un-documented Mexican workers into the United States and disputes between the two countries over the contamination of

each other's environment.

Last June an oil well in the Gulf of Mexico burst out of control. Since then the well has defied all attempts to plug it and milious of barrels of on have spewed into the sea, staining miles of Texan beaches

Mexico answered American claims for compensation by saying that it was not prepared to accept responsibility for the accident. Besides, government officials said, United States payment of damages for industrial contamination of rivers has not been forthcoming.

More trouble blew up when Mexico refused to renew the Shah of Iran's tourist visa. The Shah had been living in Cuernavaca, 50 miles south of Mexico City, before he flew to New York for hospital treatment last year. Senor Lopez Portillo said he

personally took the decision not to give the Shah another visa because of the danger it would have means for every Senator Lloyd Bentsen, from

Texas, summed up the feelings of many Americans by accusing Mexico of reneging on a commitment to readmit the Shah and saying: "It has become apparent that self in-terest, narrowly defined, is the driving force in Mexican artitudes toward the Iranian

ment denied there had been At the beginning of Jenuary,

when Mexico increased the price of its oil by 30 per cent, a State Department spokesman called the decision unjustified and said: "We deeply regret

Sador López Portillo re-plied: "No one will tell Max-ico what to do with its oil. We shall not yield to bilateral or multilateral pressure. Mexico will continue to protect its own interests in accordance with its independence and in exercise sovereignty."

There are American politicians who would agree that that is the way it should be. Mr Patrick Lucey, who resigned as United States Ambassador to Mexico last October, to all intents and purposes is one of

Now a member of Senator Edward Kennedy's presidential campaign. Mr Lucey was reported as saying in a Mexican newspaper interview that the Carter Administration's attitude towards Mexico had influenced his decision to

He described the attitude as "a form of paranoia". He was quoted as saying: "That paranois is due to the Carter Quoted Administration's discress that Mexico is not a puppet, that it has its own, independent, inter-national policy and that it doesn't follow the dictates of the United States".

Stephen Downer

Embassy battle spotlights Guatemala violence

One of the two survivors of a fire that claimed 39 lives in the Spanish embassy in Guatemala Molina. City was later kidnapped from a hospital bed and murdered according to the Guatemalan authorities.

Gregorio Yuxa's corpse and that of another, unidentified, male were found on the San Carlos university campus in the centre of Guatemala City last veckend. He had been shot

There were other, uncon-firmed, reports that the bodies had been hurled from a moving car, which then sped out of the university grounds. Police stormed the Spanish embassy last week to remove 30

peasants from the Quiche region of Guatemala, 186 miles west of Guatemala City, who had occupied it earlier in the day in protest at alleged repression by government forces. the attack the building caught fire and most of the peasants were among the 39 people who died. The victims also included eight Spaniards, Guatemala's former vice-presi-

Senor Yuxa was being treated for burns. Last Friday Spain broke diplomatic relations with Guatemala. It said the police attack on the embassy was a grave violation of international

According to the Spanish Ambassador, Señor Maximo Cajal Lopez, the police acted "with extraordinary brutality" in attacking the building, which was set on fire apparently by a fire homb a fire bomb, The incident sporlights the

violence in Guaremala, which covers an area of 42,000 square miles and shares its northern border with Mexico.

Amnesty International says that 20,000 men and women were victims of political assassination between 1966 and 1974. Most of the victims were peasants, workers and students trying to reorganize left-wing opposition to the right, which has dominated Guatemela since

ernment. Opponents of the military alleged that the United States organized the coup. Three principal left-wing

guerrilla groups were born in the late 1960s. Among other acts of terrorism, they murdered the American and West German ambassadors. The right formed paramilitary

organizations, such as the "White Hand" and "Eye for an Eye", to combat the left.
While President Kjell Laugerud Garcia, who left office
in July, 1978, allowed greater freedom of political expression than his predecessors, the arrival of his successor, General Romero Lucas Garcia, led to a fresh wave of terror.

The new, right-wing "Secret Anti-Communist Army" has murdered a number of important union leaders, forcing many opposition figures to go into hiding The favourite method of killing of this and other death squads is to shoot their victims

In that year, a military coup in daylight from cars which ended a decade of left-wing gov-have no keence plates. The ernment. Opponents of the victims' names usually have appeared on death lists beforehand.

Gruesome reports of murders dominate radio news broadcasts in Guatemala, as do the frequent abductions of politicians and business leaders.

Last year 1,600 people were murdered. President Lucas Garcia denies responsibility but critics of the Government point out that the killers are never

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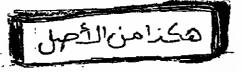
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caught. have been openly repressive. putting down workers' demon-strations with teargas and clubs. On Saturday, as 3,000 people marched through the middle of Guatemala City carrying the bodies of many of the victims of the embassy attack, the police opened fire on the pro-cession, witnesses said. Iwo

The mourners included hundreds of Indian peasants dressed in colourful native costumes. A Special Correspondent

marchers were killed.



needed to problem of secondary strikes

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, categorically refused at question time to consider abandoning the Employment Bill for the time being in order to discuss with the TUC how to reach agreement on a satisfactory limitation of secondary action.

Mr James Callaghan, Leader of the Opposition (Cardiff, South-East, Lab), had asked—In view of the fact that members of the Cabinet seem to be tumbling over themselves to tell the press where they stand on the Employment Bill, and in view of the obvious difficulty in the Cabinet of reach-ing agreement on this matter. would she consider dropping this proposal for the moment in order to call in the TUC as a whole— (Conservative interruptions)—to discuss with them how agreement could be reached on a satisfactory limitation of secondary

She will find that the law will She will find that the law will never operate satisfactorily in this area. It will be far better for her to try to get voluntary agreement. Mrs. Thatcher (Barnet, Finchley, C)—On the first point. I note from the papers that members of previous Cabinets are tumbling over themselves to write their memoirs. (Conservative laughter).

Secondly, we will not withdraw the Employment Bill. There is a great deal in it to cope with secondary picketing now going on which we believe should not be going on.

We hope to press ahead with that as soon as possible and get out a consultative document to deal with the latest House of Lords

Mr Callaghan-If she refuses to learn from experience (renewed Conservative laughter). If it was a sumple matter there would not be all these divisions in the Cabinet now. (Labour cheers).

What is needed is a permanent solution to this problem and it will not be done on the basis of dirtsions in the Cabinet which are then moned over.

exp. rience in this matter, in going ahead not with this Bill but the new proposals the Cabinet will new proposals the Cabinet will discuss on secondary action, will she give an undertaking to the House that this matter will not then be sent upstairs to the 24 members of the committee but will be brought before the whole House for full discussion here so that we can see what the proposals are and a decision can be taken on the floor of the House? (Further Labour cheers).

Mrs Thatcher—On the first point, about the law with regard to picketing, he will agree that we get some of the troubles we get today because the immunities and the law are drawn too widely (Further Conservative cheers) They are drawn too widely by the law. They need to be drawn more narrowly by the law. That will be the subject of the consultative

If there are major changes to be made to the Employment Bill arising out of that consultative document, we will follow previous precedent and discuss them on the floor of the House before they are committed in committee stage up. stairs. That is the proper way

Mr David Price (Eastleigh, C)— There have been far too many in-nocent victims of industrial warfare in the past year. Is it not time to introduce the equivalent of a Geneva convention under which our collective bargaining process ending in a great industrial struggle is limited?

hirs Thatcher—I shall carry out the pledge in our manifesto that we shall ensure the protection of the law is available to those who, sithough not connected with a dis-

A good deal will be carried out in the present Bill when it is law. The present position would be much better if the Employment Bill had been passed into law.

Ulster constitutional conference very much alive-Mr Atkins

rather than hopelessuess in North-ern Ireland, Mr Humphrey Atkins, Secretary of State for Northern Irciand, said during questions about the constitutional conference which has so far held 17 sessions and is to meet again the week after

Mr Atkins (Spatthorne, C) saidthat the conference was engaged in a detailed consideration of how a devolved administration would the minority in it.

While there are major differences of view among partici-pauts (he said), the conference discussions have been serious and businessike. I take this oppor-tunity on behalf of the Government of thanking all participants. I shall in due course report to the House the outcome of the conference. As there is still much work to be done, I cannot set a final date for

As regards parallel talks, these are with Northern Ireland political leaders on matters outside the scope of the conference but relevant to the relationiship between the Government and any newly-elected body in Northern Ireland. I met leading members of the SDLP on January 30 when they set cut their views on matters relating to security. There will be further meetings on this and other sub-jects.

Mr John Biggs-Davison (Epping Forest, C)—Since it is alleged by the SDLP that Unionist majority district councillors cannot be trusted to treat the minority fairly, would be ascertain what structure of regional and local bodies could best prevent this?

Mr Atkins—There is a statutory machinery for considering matters of this kind—the Commissioner for Complaints, the Equal Opportunities Commission, and so on. These admittedly are somewhat cumbersome hostes and slow to act. The nome bodies and slow to act. The purpose of the conference would be what he suggests.

It is essential that government,

be it district council or higher level in Northern Ireland, not only works but is seen to work pro-perly and takes account of the interests of everybody. This what the conference is about.

Mr William van Straubenzee (Vokingham, C)—As it is suggested that the holding of the conference does not have the support of the people of Northern Ireland, can be estimate the degree of support there is or is not for his efforts at reconcilianon?

Mr Atting—This is difficult to do

Mr Atkins—This is difficult to do. We all claum we do not rely on public opinion polls, but one hefore the conference started did indicate that 64 per cent of the people in Northern Ireland thought the Conference a good idea. A considerable majority of the people in Northern Ireland think it is right at this time for the polit-ical leaders of the Province to sit down with the Government to see if we can find a way in which power can be transferred to elected representatives in Northern Ireland. That is what we are doing. Mr Martin Flannery (Sheffield. Hillsborough, Lab)—The sense of helplessness and hoplessness pervades the vast majority of the ceople of the Republic and the United Kingdom, most of whom are not watching this conference.

Mr Atkins-He is wrong to refer to Mr Atkies—He is wrong to refer to a sense of hopelessness. I detect chactly the opposite. There is a sense among ordinary people that here is an opportunity. Here is a British Government genuinely seeking ways of returning democracy to the province and asking the relitical leaders to meet it. to come together to see how best this can be done.

I believe there is an air of expectancy and hopefulness.
Mr Ivor Stanbrook (Bromley, Orp-Mr Ivor Sunbrook (Bromley, Orp-ington, C)—Many people sympath-ise with the view of the Official Unionists that their attendance at multilateral talks are a waste of time, but the parailel talks are hilateral and may be of even great-er importance than the main con-larence.

Can he assure us that an invi-tation has gone to the Official Unionists to participate in the blia-teral talks and if any significant development comes out of any of the hilateral talks with the other parties, they will be told about it? Mr Atkins—Yes. The Official Unionist Party has been invited to that series of talks. I hope I can meet the leaders of the OUP to talk about these matters. Mr Dennis Canayan (West Sterl-

ment any plans to use a referendum to test the acceptability of any devolution proposals for Northern Ireland? Mr Atkins—We are seeking a way forward which is acceptable to the people of Northern Ireland. There

are a variety of ways in which we can test acceptability. A referen-dum is one. We have not ruled it

Mr Michael Latham (Melton, C)— Would he confirm that the offer remains open to the Official Union-

ists?

Mr Atkins—It is important that the views of the OUP should be taken fully into account by the Government when deciding how to proceed. The offer remains open. I hope in due course it will be taken up.

The conference (be said later) is only the first step along a road which goes a great deal farther. Mr James Kilfedder (North Down Mr James Kilfedder (North Down, UU)—He said the purpose of the conference is to find the highest level of agreement among the parties at the conference. Since the majority of Unionists throughout Uister are not represented at the conference, will he give an assurance that when this conference formally ends—it is dead already—he will not introduce legislation based on the majority legislation based on the majority decision or judgment of that con-

Mr Atkins—I have been saying all the time that what the conference is about is to seek the highest level of agreement between those who come. I am sorry the conference is missing one party. I am well aware there are other

parties, old and new, who are not at the conference and it is obviously the business of the Gov-erament to find out the views of those people. This we will seek to do. There can be no question of us relying entirely on what we achieve

We shall have a lot more consul-tations to do, including consul-tations with this House. If he was to talk to those who are at the Conference he would find it is very much alive.

Mr Brynmor John, chief Opposi-tion spokesman on Northern Ire-land (Pontypridd, Lab)—Has Mr Atkins heard statements that the Government may in the even of of ever reaching agreement and impose a solution on Ulster? Will he deny that and give an undertaking to resist that temp-

tation however strong it may be? Mr Atkins—I do not despair easily. I do not for a moment believe we are not going to find ay level of agreement. I am sure we are. How high that level is 1 cannot yet

report.
When the conference has concluded its useful work the Govern-ment will have to consider how

Two days on Education Bill

The main business in the Commons Monday: Erifich Aerospace Bill, Wednesday: Debate remaining states.

Tuesday and Wednesday: Education Bill, remaining states.

Taursday: Debate on EEC fisheries policy. Opposed private Friday: Private Members' Bill.

The main business in the Lords Tuesday: National Heritage Bill. second reading: Matrimonial Home

(Co-ownership) Bill, second read-Thursday: Debates on airport policy and on security situation in Northern Ireland.

Parliamentary notices House of Commons Today at 9.30. Private Members' Bill Abortion (Amondment) Bill, remaining

Permanent solution is 'Clarifying' the law on nursery education

In respons to Opposition demands Mr Norman St John-Sievas, Chancellor of the Duchy of the Lancaster and Leader of the House, promised to consider whether to allow extra time to debate a new provision which has been tabled to the Education Bill oncerning the obligation on local nursery education.

After the business for next week had been amounced. Mr. James Callaghan, Leader of the Opposi-tion (Cardiff, South-East, Lab) said: Is he aware of the proposal brought forward in connexion with the remaining stages of the Education Eill to remove the obligation to provide nursery education for the first time since it appeared in the 1944 Act? Is it not an unworthy way to

treat the House to bring forward at this late stage, when the timerable motion has been agreed and the business allocated, an important issue of principle of this sort? We have been pressing for a Mr St John-Stevas—He is exag-statement on this for three gerating the point, There is no

consider giving extra time for con-sideration of it, and if necessary recall the business committee?

Mr St John-Stevas—New clauses are considered first. This is not a great change in practice. (Labour great change in practice. (Lapour protests.) When I was at the Department of Education and Science there was a strong body of opinion within the department that there was not an obligation. This is a clarifying amendment rather than a basic change in principle. Mr Alan Beith (Berwick-upon-

Tweed, L)—However much he may want to help his Tory friends in Oxfordshire abolish nursery education, he must give the House an opportunity to debate such a major issue at some length. If he does not it will be debated at considerable length in the Lords, or is he planning to introduce a timetable there as well?

Mr Callaghan-The Education Bill, in our view and that of most people, is removing the obligation that has existed and been under-stood to exist since 1944 on local education authorities to provide nursery education.

There is a difference of view about this. Time shlould be given for this House to discuss this important principle. Otherwise there will be trouble on this. He cannot sneak it through in this way and expect to get cooperation on other Mr. St John-Stevas-He is exag-

gerating this issue—(Labour pro-tests)—because although that provision may have been in the Education Act, there is no example of any effort being made to enforce the principle against an education

Mr Neil Kinnock, chief Opposition wellty, Lab)-He is Leader of the

whole House. If this shift in the new clause is so marginal from the 1944 position, why was it necessary to get the advice of the Attorney General on this matter about a

month ago? This matter is being introduced at a very late stage because there is a need to grant luminity to the county of Oxfordshire which was bent upon virtually abolishing education for the Tising fives in defiance of what has been under-

stood to be the law since 1944. Mr St John-Stevas-It has nothing to do with the situation in Oxfordshire. The fact that the Attorney General was called in, to advise supports the point I am making. There were two points of view on this. There is no example of this having been enforced on a local

education authority. After a further intervention from Mr Callaghan requesting extra time for discussion, Mr St John-Stevas said that, without giv-ing an undertaking, he would con-

Tighter security on Ulster public transport

offer the people of the Province except destruction and division, Mr Humphrey Atkins, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, said when answering a number of ques-

Mr Atkins (Spelthorne, C)-Since WIF Alkins (special records) on December 20, 12 persons have been charged with murder, including one person charged with a murder committed as long ago at 1973.

MP's will be glad to note that the law continues to reach into the past in such matters; the passage of time does not make criminals

of time does not make criminals safe from justice.

During the same period 11 persons have been charged with attempted murder: 58 persons have also heen charged with other terrorist type offences.

The House will also have noted with satisfaction a number of recent successes by the Army in preventing major explosive attacks, and by the security forces of the Irish Republic in scieng terrorist arms and explosives.

I regret to say, however, that the IRA have continued their senseless campaign of violence.

Considerable damage was caused

Considerable damage was caused to buildings in Armagh, Aughnactory and Kilrea on January 15 and to the auction rooms in Belfast on February 4. Twenty buses were destroyed or damaged by terrorist devices in the Falls Road bus depot on February 4.

on February 1.
On January 17 a bomb exploded on a train killing not only the IRA terrorist carrying it but also two totally innocent passengers.
In all 17 people have died as a result of tarrorist action since In all 17 people have died as a result of terrorist action since December 20, nine civilians, seven members of the security forces and one member of the prison service. As I stressed on December 20, this catalogue of ourrages demonstrates that the terrorists have nothing to offer the people of Northern Ireland, except destruction and division.

The security forces will continue The security forces will continue their intensive operations to coun-

Most IRA

allegations

prove to be

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Implementation of the Bennett

report recommendations on inte-rrogation of terrorist suspects ap-peared to have made virtually no difference to the percentage of

people charged after arrest and questioning. Mr Humphrey Addns. Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, said. All the indications

were encouraging.

He was replying to Mr Anthony

He was replying to Mr Annon's Marlow (Northampton, North. C) who had asked about the effect of introducing the recommendations on the flow of information and intelligence from interrogations. It was being said by some people that the flow had been significantly reduced, he said.

Mr Atkins (Spelthorne, C)—All the recommendations of the Bennett report accepted by the Government have now been put into

effect. It is early to give a precise figure on their outcome.

Comparing the performances, there is virtually no difference between the percentage of people charged after arrest and questioning within the last few months and

There were a lot of recom-

mendations in the Bennett re-port. One of these was that mem-bers of the Royal Ulster Con-stabulary involved in interrogation

should undergo training to make them more efficient.

them more efficient.

Mr Gerard Fift (Belfast, West, Soc)—On publication of the Bennett report a good deal of controvers) and hostility was aroused because of the clear implications contained in it that undue methods had been used by the police in an effort to extract confessions.

Since publication of the report many brought before the courts have said they were beaten, con-

fessions were extracted from them and they did not make confessions

the utmost importance that the police are seen to be adhering strictly to the law.

Mr Atkins-He is referring to the

Amnesty International report. The Bennett report which went into detail on the Amnesty report showed that of the 3,000 cases

mentioned only in a small bandful

could there be any indication accusing the police of ill-treating

The Government accepted all the

recommendations of the Bennett report of to ensure suspects were properly treated, which it was their business to do, and also

to protect the police against this

I know of no case since we accepted and put into operation

where an accusation against the police has been substantiated in

The Rev Ian Paisley (North

Antrim. Dem U)—It is a ploy of the IRA when they are arrested and charged to make these allega-

tions. Many of these allegations when they are brought into court

have been proved to be ground.

5fr Atkins-I would go further

not many but most of them have been found to be groundless. This is because the RUC now operates

in a most efficient manner and a

It is not in their interests to use dubious means to extract con-fessions and they do not do it. They are an extremely efficient

most respectable manner.

recommendations

type of ill-informed attack.

Bennett

ter terrorist activity through the law and bring criminals to justice. Mr Peter Robinson (Belfast, East, Dem U1—In view of the appailing caralogue of security statistics does be feel it is now high time for a review of the situation? What measures does he intend to

take following his review of securpublic transport? tkins—We have reviewed the Mr Atkins—We have reviewed the security of public transport and we have taken a number of steps. I do not think it would be in the public interest to detail these steps, but we have intensified the security precautions on public transport which I hope will prevent further our ages in trains as happened the

other day. other day.

We are continually reviewing the
role and the operation of the
security forces and we have to
study week after week how best we can counter the activities of the terrorists who know no law. But we have to abide by the law and use our forces in the best way we

Mr David Trippler (Rossendale, C)—As a result of discussions he has had with ministers of the Republic or Ireland regarding co-operation on security across the border, how many arrests and arms finds have been made both in Northern Ireland and Southern Ire-land as a direct result of that new initiality. initiative?

Mr Atkins—I cannot give the House specific figures in the way he asks. The cooperation between security forces in Northern Ireland and those of the Republic is extremely valuable and I am happy to say working well and is producing Of course the individual forces both in Northern Ireland and the Republic will continue in their own

Answering further questions he said security forces would take immediate action against any filegal parades if they were told about them. These sort of parades and activi-

Apart from Rolls-Royce and British Leyland it was not the Government's intention that the Depart-

ment of industry should aquire

other shareholdings from the National Enterprise Board simply

to reduce the size of its portfolio. Sir Keith Joseph. Secretary of State for Industry (Leeds, North-East, C) said early this morning

during the report stage of the Industry Bill.

That would be inconsistent with the Government's policy that the NEB should promote private ownership of its holdings.

He was speaking on a Government amendment, subsequently agreed to, which would enable him to reduce the NEB's borrowing limit of 53,000m to one of not less than 5750m. With it was discussed

a Government new clause (Finance for companies transferred to the Secretary of State) and a further consequential amendment.

Sir Kelth Joseph said it was diffi-cult to foresce what the aggregate borrowing requirement would be taking into account the uncertain-

taking into account the anext and ties connected with Rolls-Royce and British Leyland.

It was the Government's intention that Rolls-Royce should he transferred from the NEB after the Bill became law. The possibility could not be ruled out that British Leyland might be dealt with in the same way.

No decision or commitment of any sort had been token on this matter. It needed most careful con-sideration. He did not expect to make a statement on it for some

time.

The report stage was adjourned and Wednesday's sitting ended at 2.10 am today.

2.10 am today.

When the report stage of the Industry Bill was resumed thi afternoon. Mr John Cunningham, an Opposition spokesman on industry (Whitehaven, Lab) moved an amendment which woul delete

Clause 13 which restricts payment

of regional development grants. He said that regional policy had

been made less effective than it

might have been by persistent changes in it, industrial manager

preferred, as far as possible, a table environment in which to make decisions. Whatever the they

did, that should be one of the foundation stones.

Changes could only have a dele-

terious effect on regional policy as a whole. The record showed that always, following a change there

was a histos—a pause at best; at worst a falling off of indussrial investment and employment in the

regions.
The last time to jenpardize in-

bury, C)—Is he satisfied with the strength of the Ulster Defence Regiment, particularly in the border areas?

Will be give thought to increasing the bounty of the regiment to bring it loto line with the Territorial Army?

Mr Atkins—We are continuing to seek to introduce the strength of the UDR. There is a recruiting campaign going on at the moment which I hope will increase their strength.

In the border areas the UDR does not play quite the same from role as it does in 11 of the other police districts; but their activities are extremely valuable and the more recruits we can get the bet-

matter for the Secretary of State for Defence (Mr Francis Pym). I know he is examining it urgently. Mr James Molyneaux (South

Antrim, Off UU)—Accusations levelled against the security forces should be treated as an incitement to murder army. UDR and RUC personnel and those who engage in such vile propaganda are every bit as guilty as those who pull the triggers.

Mr Atkins—The security forces are the front line of defence for the ordinary people. It is in the in-terests of every peace-loving cit-zen to support them.

Mr Tam Dalyoll (West Lotbian, Lab)—in his more reflective moments does he think it altogether wise, in countering the IRA. to spurn the offers of help by Governor Carey. Speaker O'Noil and other Americans?

Mr Atkins—The greatest aid Gov-ernor Carey. Speaker O'Neill and other Americans can give, and have given, is to seek to stem the flow of money from the United States to the IRA. We are grateful for this

Time needed for a decision on

BL relationship with NEB

wasteful.

ries (he said) are distasteful to everything a can to everyone and are, of course, life ensure that the American people understand what is happening in

weaken incentives was in a recession. That was the very time when they needed more protection or

industry in the regions and too narrow a spectrum of employment

opportunities for young people. There was a lack of skills in the regions and emainst this back-ground the Government was

apparently intent upon closing down skill centres supposedly to

the advanta g eofth clavpayer by reducing public expenditure. Many industrialists had now lost confidence in the Government's

approach to regional policy. They

were not going to make decisions until the situation had been clurified. They feared further changes.

Mr Peter Bordern (Horsham and

Crawley, C) said the amount spent on regional aid was considerable

on regional and was considerable and must be comparable with that spent in any other country. But a new approach was needed.

Regional aid and grants were far too discretionary. Much time was spent in the Department of Industryin negotiations on the application of these grants. Some were washeful

The Republic of Ireland had a

The Republic of Ireland had a readily understandable and remarkably successful system involving a 10 year corporation tax free holiday to encourage industries to move into particular areas. Italia must revitalise industry in the depressed areas, and that would not be done by shuffling incentives round the country. There was no reason for not offering a corporation tax free basis to companies. Britain needed to attract Japanese and American firms.

British industry would not be stim-

ulated by disposing of British essets, or without the ability to assist or promote reorganization in the private sector. Air John Silkin, chief Opposition spokesman on In-

dustry, said during the report

The direct taxpayer had a right o participate in profitable transac-

tions as well as casualty clearing transactions to which the National Enterprise Board would in future

On Clause I (Functions of the National Enterprise Board and the Scottish and Welsh Development Agencies). Mr Silkin moved an amendment which, he said, would effectively remove the whole of the clause from the Bill. In a sense this was the number the Bill.

was the nub of the Bill, and It was this clause in which the philoso-phy, if they could call it that, of the Government

Stage resterday.

be restricted.

There was too parrow, a base of

Mr James Kilfedder (North Down

Northern Ireland. Any aid is wel-

Mr James Kilfedder (North Down, UU)—As the Provisional IRA still claim the lives of many, innocent people, surely even the Secretary of State must realize that new and stronger measures must be taken against these psychopathic killers. Will he consider summoning the Northern Ireland Committee to meet at Stormont, if necessary in camera, and to call before it anyone connected with security to we can see some progress at last. can see some progress at last. Mr Atkins-When and where this committee meets is not a matter for me but I note what he says.

Mr Bryumer John, Chief Opposi-tion spokesman on Northern Ire-land (Pontypridd, Lab)—Will he again consider the Government's again consider the Government's disagreement with the civilian searchers? They are responsible for keeping open the commercial life of Belfast city centre but have no power of arrest. Surely they should be accompanied by a soldier or policeman so that if they apprehend a majefactor he may be arrested immediately?

Mr Atkins—I have met the civilian searchers and their represent-atives. I spessed to them, as have the security forces, that the arrangements made to provide pro-tection for them in no way reduces

They have no power of arrest but the security forces are within reach and can be summoned to

difficulties.

Mr John—He evades the real point. The searchers are working normally but they do not feel persuaded of the adequacy of the present arrangements. How on earth can they detain people while they go out and look for someome to make an arrest? That is the crucial problem. crucial problem. Mr Atkins-They do not go look

ing. They can summon assistance within seconds or minutes. I hope they are satisfied with these arrangements. I believe they are

amount of knowledge to be found

on the shop floor. What worried and astonished him was the enormous number of occasions when that knowledge and expertise was

not used by management. Management did not always know best.

Mr Robert Adley (Christchurch and Lyminston, C) said British Leyland wished to kill off the MG

plant to promote its rival product, the Triumph TR7. British Leyland had decided that it wished to con-

centrate volume sports car produc-tion on the TR7, and the trouble with the MG was that in spite of the efforts of the management it accounted for over 50 per cent of British Leyland's sales in North America.

America.

An amendment he had tabled would ensure that where a factory

of that sort was to be closed the NEB should have the task of going in to see if there was anybody willing and able to keep the plant soins.

Air Thomas Benyon (Ahlugdon, C) said MGs should not be made in Jakarta but in Abingdon, where

there was a 50 years history of appriscar manufacture. Its reputa-tion was unique and high. The car was as British as a howler but

Sir Ketth Joseph, Secretary of State for Industry (Leeds, North-East, C), said the National Enter-prise Board would no longer have

the right to reorganize industr

to dispense assets back to the pri

This was not asset stripping. In return for the sale of thos assets the taxpayer would receive the value, the price, for them.

We see the NEB the continued) as having with its new membership a valuable catalytic role in connexion with bigh technology and in connexion with small husinesses and the regions. We accept a limited role for the MEB.

mineg role for the NEB.

The Government had no vendetta against public ownership or nationalization. It accepted that there were some utilities, particularly monopoly utilities, which could not sensibly or easily be put into private ownership.

Mr. Sikin's amandment

Mr Silkin's amendment was rejected by 301 votes to 239—Gov-ernment majority, 62.

Mr Adley's amendment to tosure that where a manufacturing plant was scheduled for closure or change of use, it should be offered

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issuing a directive to the banks to curb domestic credit expansion. but there was a risk of lending being transferred to other institu-tions, the Prime Minister warned at question time.

Mr Gordon Wilson (Dundee East, Scot Nat) had said—Mrs Thatcher should look at press reports earlier this week that Britain is now the second most acrive foreign indus-trial investor in the United States

When is she going to ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer (Sir Geoffrey Howe) to alter his economic policies to improve investment at home and bring more jobs into areas like mine?

Mrs Margaret Thatcher (Barnet, Finchley, C)—It is probably advis-able for Britain to have a good deal of overseas investment. We need the income. Unless we get income from overseas investment we shall not have the money to pay out interest on the vast amount of overseas investment in this

I am happy to see there is a great deal of overseas investment from the people who run the pendicular funds. It seems the National Cual Board have taken advantage of the reliefs in exchange control or make people in the statement of the second of the sec to make property investment over-seas. (Conservative cheers.) Mr Peter Tapsell (Horncastie, C)-

It is time to bring domestic credit expansion under more effective control by issuing directives to the banks and other main lending insti-tutions to reduce their lending to within the declared Government monetary limits.

Mrs Thatcher—We would be pre-pared to consider it. As he knows, there has been an enormous explosion in financial technology with various ways of grig arough

controls.

That means any such directive on the banks would largely cause lending to be transferred to other lending institutions.

Mr Hugh Fraser (Stafford and Stone, C)—With the credit expan-sion through credit cards and hire purchase, sorely the time has come for the Bank of England to Issue an instruction?

Mrs Thatcher—It is not only an instruction: it needs to be something a little bit more effective than that.

The Chancellor made a statement that there will be a consultative document coming out soon about the possibility of going to a diffeent method of controlling money supply on a monetary base which would be fiercer than snything we have at present. The Chancellor made a store thing we have at present

PM condemns sale of butter to Russia

The Government was fiercely opposed to the saie of subsidized butter to the Russians, Mrs Wargaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, emphasized during question time exchanges.

Mr David Steel, Leader of the Liberals (Roxburgh, Selkirk and Peebles), asked if she had considered the news from the Council of Agricultural Ministers this morning about the sale of butter to the Russians at 23p a pound. It ionks the went on) as though our pensioners will have to pay over 83p a pound for the same butter. Will she consider with the appropriate ministers printing commodity vouchers on pension and supplementary benefit books? Mrs Thatcher (Barnet, Flochley, C)—I have had various news about the common agricultural policy this morning. I do not like any of it. (Laughter.) This Government is ficrcely against selling subsidized butter to the Russians.

Airport security Mr Norman Tebbit, Under Secretary for Trade, in a written reply, said—Total expenditure on anti-terrorist security measures at United Kingdom airports in the fluencial year 1978-79 amounted to £21.040.000. Estimated expenditure in 1979-80 is £31,879,000, and in 1980-81 £38,307,000.

Conscripts in the Red Army get 50p a day

The International Labour Organiration should look into the gross emilotation in the Soviet army, where a conscript got about 3bp a week. Lord Gisborough (C) said after taking a question on soldiers' Pay.
He asked the Government what

was the ratio of the pay of a marshal to that of a private soldier or conscript in the Soviet Army and how this compared with the equivalent ration in the British Army. Viscount Long. Lord-in-Waiting,

said he understood a marshal in the Soviet Army received about 50 times the pay of a regular private and about 240 times the pay of a conscript soldier. A field marshal in the British Army received about nine times more in gross pay than the lowest paid private. Lord Gisborough said this meant

Lord Gisborough said this meant the Russian conscript got about 50p per week, and asked Viscount Long if he would ask the ILO, whest objectives were the condi-tions of pay and on whose exec-utive council Russia sat, if they would look into this gross exploi-tation of labour. Viscount Long said it was difficult to compare the pay of the two armies since their conditions of service and structure were kuite

different.
The ILO was outside military matters so he was unable to answer

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was the nub of the Bill, and It was this clause in which the philosophy, if they could call it that, of the Government might be observed.

He was always refreshed by the Character of use, it should be offered for sale to any buyer able to satisfy the NEB of his intention and ablifty to continue existing production, was rejected by 295 votes to 241 votes—Government majority, 54.

terests Bill was designed to priotet British trading interests in matter where the law and legal practice of the United States had become a matter of international concern not only to this country but to other nations. Lord Lloyd of Kilgerran (L) said during the committee

He moved an amendment to remove from the Secretary of State for Trade his discretionary power to decide whether the measures of a loreign government were damag-ing or likely to damage United Kingdom trading interests. He questioned whether the Secretary of State should have un-

to determine whether the trading interests of a United Kingdom company or this country had been or were likely to pe damaged. or were likely to pe damaged.
Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the
Lord Advocate, said it was appropriate that the Secretary of State
should have judgment on whether
or not the interests of the United
Kingdom were affected and
whether be should take action
accordinate.

accordingly.

The amendment was withdrawn. In amendment was withdrawn. It would be an intolerable situation and one that Parliament should not accept if foreign judgments involving the awarding of punitive damages on the American scale were enforced by British courts, Lord Renton said.

extend the category of non-enforceable foreign judgments under the Bill by including "punitive or exemplary dam-MIXOS Lord Renton said the circum-

stances in which puritive damages were awarded in Bridsh courts were rare and they were not usually heavy. In the United States, especially in product liability cases, these were awarded in a big way in addition to compensatory damages.

It was the juries in the United States who awarded damages and they certainly let themselves go sometimes. There had been one case in which the compensatory

damages were \$350,000 and the punitive damages \$10m. Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Advocate, said that damages of this kind might be ordered in cases which had little or nothing in do with the nation's trading interests which was the subject covered by the Bill. If they sought to prevent the enforcement of judgments of that character it should be in relation to a more general provision.

the Secretary of State to enlarge the scope of Judgments which might not be enforced here. The amendment was withdrawn.
The committee stage was con-

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Why Europe and the Americans see Afghanistan differently

Détente: the two views in the West

Détente is indivisible: for years that has been the ritual refrain on both sides of the Atlantic. Yet beneath the surface it has been clearer and face it has been clearer and eastern and eastern western perspective, is in fact halves creares concrete stakes for Europeans that do not exist

Reactions to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan have underscored the point. Immediate assessments of international cvents are likely to overstate their broader significance. Yet it is hard to escape the impression Africa and the properties of th sion that Afghanistan marks a ment lies at the right edge of watershed in relations between the United States and its allies

head bard questions about the nations to respond like the interests of America and United States, by curtailing Europe in relations with the Soviet Union, and of European East, may threaten to upset and American roles in defending western interests outside

The risk of serious acrimony across the Atlantic is high. And beneath that possibility lie urgent questions that can no

The fact is that detente has a meaning for Europeans that it does not for Americans. The web of economic dealings and personal contacts that link Europe's western and eastern

for Americans. This is true for West Germans, but it is also true for other Europeans; it is partly obscured in the case of Britain for reasons of history and because the Thatcher Govern-

the European consensus.

Europeans are thus bound to in western Europe.

Much of the trans-Atlantic strain will seem tiresomely familiar, and some of it will be.

Yet Afghanistan forces to a way. For western European like the

Americans, by contrast, will be driven by their global role and remain keenly aware of the slender fruits of détente The Soviet Union should be compelled to pay some political price for western technology

by cutting what remains of that détente, especially when local of patterns of consultation with European allies—and there are many of both—the Soviet in-vasion of Afghanistan is the last

train is leaving the and Europeans should

Afghanistan, to react to Moscow's Third World adventures yet precisely clear where the train is going. There is much of the ring of the familiar about circumstances seem to preclude such American pleadings. They a direct response on the ground. assume that United Stat.; There is now a broad feeling in the United States that, whatever the defects of previous Carter Administration policies and the second is as irritating as ever.

Yet there anomalous in the fact that now, 35 years after the Second World War, the United States remains the military protector of western interests in the Persian Gulf, interests that are Europeans to put their detente

The answer may well be no. It may be time for us to stop repeating that detente is indivisible as though we thought it were true, and to come to grips with the implications.

There are obvious grounds to question how wise it has been, or will be, for Europeans to xpand economic relations with the East without taking Soviet nolitical behaviour outside

This is not a plea for formal linkage, nor is it to deny the mutual benefits of East-West trade. But the Soviet Union should be compelled to pay some political price for western technology. That requires more coordination among western governments, and probably 8 larger government role in East-West economics as well.

Some of the military implica-tions are more immediate still. Increases in American defence spending will not produce more

more important to Europeans ships in the Indian Ocean soon, than to Americans. Americans or more contingency forces for proper to ask if there is use in the Third World. As are prope to ask if there is use in the Third World. As any Soviet threat outside more such forces are required, Europe that would induce sooner or later it will bite into sooner or later it will bite into American forces earmarked for Europe. That will force hard

choices on Europe. Britain and France, in particular, have military assets in the Persian Gulf and elsewhere to contribute. But if the United States is to continue to bear the lion's share of a growing mili-tary burden outside Europe, Europeans will face the need to do more themselves in Europe. Beyond that, there is the issue of whether the post-war pattern -America providing the mili-tary protection for western in-terests outside Europe—any longer accords with military

logic or political sense. The question is not new, and the than before. But the issue can no longer be relegated to academic debate.

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Running in the Games: Orsippus dropped his shorts. and gained a little speed to win the sprint....

amount of biting they did. Sostratus of Sicyon, three times victor at Olympia, was famous for his finger-breaking trick. for his finger-breaking trick. The word for gouging (which pathratiasts were not supposed to do) was the ordinary Greek word for "to dig", made into a compound so that it means "to gouge alongside the other chap". No Greek pankratiast ever gouged: they all, continually, gouged in recaliation.

In spite of remantic modern rhemoric, the ancient Olympics were not the apotheosis of sportion amateurism is practised by English gentlemen (and one could raise a question-mark is bout them too). Greeke mark about them too). Greeks were Greeks, just as English gentlemen will be English gentlemen.

Nevertheless, they did have some good ideas. Any woman caught at the Games, or even on the opposite side of the River Alpheus, was removed by being thrown down the cliffs of Mount Typasum. The ancient Games consisted only of foot-Games consisted only of foorraces, the pentachlon (which
included the discus and javelin
throwing), the 200-metre sprint,
the standing long jump, and
wrestling. During the seventh
century BC borking, chariotraces, horse-races, and the
pankration were introduced. So
there were no ridiculous team
sports, or events that depended
on the opinions of judges. From
720 BC onwards athletes competed naked, after Orsippus
dropped his shorts and gained
a little speed to win the sprint.
By all means let us return

By all means let us return the Olympics to Greece, bur let us not suppose with the starry-eyed Baron Pierre de Conbertin that they exemplified nothing but "the noble and

Philip Howard

that these powers have been essential and should be exten-

ded". he said. It is uncertain how many SIC members will withdraw their support if the Shetland Moveproval and there are no illusions that it will not be difficult to encourage Westminster, further to relax its authority over an area essential to the United Kingdom economy.

"It is precisely because Shee

land is so important and under such pressure, we want to make sure there is something left of an economy, when the oil boom is over?, Mr John Graham, headmaster of a local school,

Aiready there were daunting indications that unemployment mill rise sharply, as the con-struction phase at Sullom Voe ends and the islanders fear steep increases in their rates, from playing host to one of the largest oil terminals in the alst try to achieve a relaxed, nonaggressive, non-competitive appoach to life, avoiding con-

Ronald Faux



Coronaries: getting to the heart of the matter

The good progress being cern about deadlines and time-made by the four patients retables and finding time-to do nothing and enjoy it.

In the United States, where people are brought up to be

More operations for heart disease are being done each year—including coronary by-pass gratting, now the leading form of heart surgery in the United States. It is less dramatice than transplantation but equally life saving, and demand seems likely to grow exponen-tentially in the next few years.

Inevitably, this latest success from high-technology surgery will renew pressures for more investment in the hospital ser-vices. It will also rekindle the between the preventive and technological approaches to the control of heart disease. Only in exceptional circumstances (and in some rare forms of heart disease) will heart trans-plantation be the first choice and for the foreseeable future it will be offered only to patients so ill that their life expectancy is no more than a few months.

The patients will more often be men than women—deaths from heart disease are twice as

from heart disease are twice as common in men as women at the give of 45. Medical science has not yet explained this differace withich is much less mated that in the alderly.

Ech year a 250,000 persons die of heart disorders in Britain almost all nof these deaths are due to coronary artery disease, and many are in young, othewise healthy, men and women. However, the actimate all tof coronary disease is that in the sery quickly; there may in the sery quickly; there may it kis very quickly; there may be p premonitory symptoms, and early one third of the men and roman who die from cornnary attacks do so within the hou or so between becoming houser so between becoming ill ad reaching the hospital. . Ast of those who recover re-turns normal fitness, but sud-den leath remains a risk that

accounts for another 30 per cents the next five years. Only a mhority of patients survive withsevere heart damage of the kindthat benefits from surgery by that minority amounts in tos of thousands of potential ustomers for the surgeous. Lale wonder, then, that prethe wonder, then, that pre-venion has been so publicized as te solution to the worldwide epidemic of hear; disease. No one who reads newspapers or mutaines can be in any doubt abort the features of the anti-cornery lifestyle. The potential surivor does not smoke, has gottrid of any excess weight. regular exercise, watches be eats (little animal or y fat, cholesterol, and salt).

cheked regularly. He should

In the United States, where people are brought up to be health-conscious, preventive medicine has bad a greater impact than in Britain Smoking impact than in Britain Smoking has deckined in popularity; more people are eating poly-unsacurated fats, and jogsing has become a national passime. As a result, the last decade his As a result, the sal decline in mortelity from heart disease—though the experts have been unable to agree which of the changes in the American way of life should take the cradit.

Here in Britain the best that can be said is that deaths from heart disease have stopped rising. Anticoronary propaganda has had less exposure (possibly because it has been seen as a governmental responsibility and successive administrations have given it low- priority). There may be some grounds for optimism in the decline in smoking in the professional classes (who are often in the vanguard of social change) but politicians of both parties have proved unwilling to use taxato follow the American example.

Yet however important prevention may be, the reality is that each year over half a million people in Britain have heart attacks—and the medical technologists have a lot more to offer than their opponents suggest. One of the most widely repeated criticisms of specialist medicine is that admission of these patients to hospital coronery care units confers no and an arms of the state of the attack is a comfortable in his own bed nothing his gained by transferring him to nothing in the the man who collapses in the street or at his office imanadists and interest at the hospital way be

The best results are obtained in cities with an organized squad of ambulances with staff trained to treat cardiac emer-gencies—and with a local population alerted to summon help quickly.

admission to hospital may be

For since the crucial interval for someone who has had a heart attack is the first bour or so the lesson to be learnt is that medical help must be called carly rather than late. Anycrushing central chest pain or pain extending from the chest to the arms or the neck should be assumed to be having a heart attack; and if a doctor is not immediately available then the decision is plain: call an ambuance. Technological skills can help only those who reach the

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The Greeks had a way of playing the Games

renewed his enchanting proposal that the Olympic Games should be returned to their original home. In his letter to Lord Killanin, Mr Constantine Karamanils invoked the conventional piecies about the Games:

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the susters and enchanting properties and invoked the conventional piecies about the Games:

"pure Olympic ceremonial... "pure Olympic ceremonial...
the austere and sober athletic
spirit... the appealing concept
of the same for the same's
sake." Forty British MPs have
just signed a motion supporting

What god, what hero, what man shad! I loudly praise? Zeus, the President of the Inter-national Olympic Committee, Zeus, the President of the Inter-national Olympic Committee, Heracles, who founded the Games, and Fred Bloggs for his 27 baskets in the basketball final? Of course the ancient Olympics are the oldest and most sporting achietics meeting in the world. But some of the guff at present written about guff at present written about them errs on the side of romance rather than realism. Human frailty was not absent from Olympia.

Chauvinism intruded even in that golden age. For example, one year Elis and Athens combined to exclude the Spertan rate of two minae per hoplite. squad, supposedly on religious In 480 the great Theogenes, grounds, in much the same way having won the boxing, that modern nations combine to scratched from the final of the

modern Games.

It is true that the ancient Olympics, like the modern, were nominally strictly amateur. The winners received only the glory, and chaplets of wild

The 500 members of the Shet-

land Movement will tomorrow

decide whether to endorse a

first step towards autonomy for

Shetland in most areas of

domestic government. Such a move would sharply increase the pressure to have even stron-

ger local control over govern-ment decisions directly affect-

ment decisions are try after-ing the islands, through the impact of oil industry and the critical decline in long-estab-lished industries, particularly

The significant strength of

the movement, which is 18 months old, is that almost half

the Shetlands Islands Council are members and that they

believe Shetland has never been

nearest bush.

Rowever, an Olympic winner was made for life, in much the same way that a modern Russian or American super-star need trouble himself or herself about nothing except sport. An arbitrary nothing except sport. An arbitet who had won at Olympia could expect high rewards and claim a large pension from his native city, as well as an Ode from Pindar if he was lucky.

There were other lucranve perks. During Roman imperial rule a city in Asia Minor is said to have offered an Olympic winner 30,000 drachmas to enter its local sports. At that time a Roman soldier was paid between 250 and 300 drachmas year. The host nation did well out

of the Games also. The oligarchy of rich gentlementarmers of Elis, who ran the show, had power to fine offenders. Anybody who broke the sacred truce was fined at the were allowed; biting and gouging were illegal; umpires stood by with rods ready to flog any athlete who broke the rules). He was summoned before the stewards, and ordered to pay a olive. All competitors were re- fine of one talent to Olympian of the penury or greed of the



Zeus—a diplomatic euphemism for themselves.

He was also ordered to pay He was also ordered to pay one talent to the other finalist. Euthymus, "because it seemed to tirem that it was only to spite him that Theogenes had entered for the boxing". Theogenes paid his fine to the authorities (he had to, if he wanted ever to compete at wanted ever to compete at Olympia again), but came to a ment with Euthymus that his part of the fine should be remitted on condition that Theogenes did not enter for the boxing at the next Olympics.
The ancient Olympics because

Olympic committee, on occasions had to invite commercial sponsorship. For example, King Herod of Judea, distinctly a get baked by the sun there? non-Greek, was made president of the Games to 12 ac to help them through a particularly sticky financial patch. King Philip II of Macedon built rains? Don't you have an overimpressive monuments. The admirable Herodus Atticus, a of exasperation? Yet you steel wealthy Roman born in Attacas, your heart and put up with it wealthy Roman born in Athens. your heart and put up with it built an elaborate water supply all, because you think that the and sanitation system, at lest, in the second century BC. Conditions for athletes and

spectators at Olympia were not Elysian but hellish. Epictetus the philospher drew a stoic moral from them : "True, there are hardships and difficulties in life. Are they not to be found even at Olympia? Don't you spectacle makes it worth while."

It is regrettable to have to report it, but there was a good deal of cheating in the ancient Olympics. Lucian notes that penkratiasts were well called "Lions", because of the

The Shetlands, thirsty for independence

insists that what they are seeking is a long way from Sherland's independence of the United Kingdom, and little dif-United Kingdom, and little dif-ferent from the status now enjoyed by the Isle of Man. The members have been told that Shetland's strong position, helped by the considerable autonomy given under the Zet-land County Council Act 1974 immediately before the oil boom, means that estimated revenue to the islands, largely from the oil industry, would overtake expenditure by more than £1m in two years time.

in a stronger or more impressive bargaining position. The propo-If the members accept the proposals, they will effectively transform the Shetland movesals, to be put before iomorsais, to be put before tomor-row's meeting, include a skele-ton constitution, giving a separ-ate parliament, known by the old Nordic title of the Althing, and power for the islanders to run their own revenue raising ment from a pressure group into a political party, which would seek to win a positive majority on the Shetland Islands Council. An aim which and administration system. it has almost achieved already.

Althing, covering finance, administration, industry and development, roads, education and leisure, ports and harbours, police, fire and civil defence. Board chairmen and the Speaker of the Althing would form an executive council, with power to examine, approve or suggest amendments to United Kingdom legislation, before submission to the Althing. This ability to mould United Kingdom legislation to Shetland's particular needs, would be sup-plemented by the power to pro-mote special legislation where

necessary.
The Alrhing would bandle income tax, road fund licences income tax, road fund licences which will take over when the and rates in the islands, as oil revenues end. They have well as receiving pro rata contributions from central government, from VAT, car tax and reserve fund, which will run

The proposals are that Shet-customs duties. In return, the into millions of pounds. land should be administered by Althing would accept responsitions. The figures they will put foreight boards, elected by the bility for administering and ward tomorrow which have bility for administering and financing services which cen-tral povernment had provided. The Althing would remit money each year to the central exchequer, to cover defence, financing the national debt and supporting nationalized indus-

There would be a safeguard provision for talks about aid, between the United Kingdom Government and the Althing, if Shetland ran into debt. That is thought unlikely by the Shet-land Movement. They calculate the islands will have a favourable balance of payments for at least 40 years, giving time to develop a strong local economy,

been questioned by some quarters in Shetland, show an esti-mated expenditure by 1982 of almost £39m. Total income would reach almost £40m for the islands, which have a population of about 22,000. That in-cludes £20m rate income from the Sullom Voe oil terminal.
Mr James Irvine, chairman

of the Shetland Movement, believed the demands for autor-omy were perfectly justified. Many Shetlanders were con-vinced that if the local authority had not held control over devel opments, won through the ZCC Act, Shetland would be in a very unhappy position now. The oil boom brought speculators, threats of pollution, and a serilanders knew and enjoyed it.
"The ovidence is there to show

LAPLAND DIARY

Worrying about big brother over the border Ivalo, Finland

It is getting warmer here. 200 miles north of the Arctic Circle where the temperature has gone up from minus 48 degrees C to only minus 25 degrees. Rajajooseppi, the tiny frontier station on the eastern border between Finnish Lapland and the Soviet Union, it lias been around minus 38 degrees for the the coldest, but one of the most sensitive frontier areas along Finland's Soviet border where the political temperature has been rising tollowing events in Afghanistan and Yugoslavia.

It is the only place where it is possible to get unimpeded to within 200 metres of the actual crossing as there is no frontier zone as such. The icecovered road from here to Rajaiooseppi (in English Joseph's Hut) 54kms away winds and twists through low, pine-covered hills. At the frontier station, a small collection of unassuming huts with a solitary blue-andwhite Finnish flag fluttering in the knife-sharp breeze, the road leads straight on to the important Soviet naval base of Murmansk (population 375,000) only two-and-a-balf hours' drive away. The 7,000 inhabitants of this About 50kms north of Raja- huge tract of Arctic Finland.

jonseppi is the only other border crossing at Rajavartioaseme but this is seldom used, if at all. If any Russian land troops wanted to come through from the east they would have the Soviet Union on the east. A newer one from Murmansk would be the most likely. The three guards I spoke to at Joseph's Hut said the only peowho passed through were the odd tourist, usually foreign. They could not remember when the last person went through as it was so long ago. However, doubt in preparation for the Olympic Games (if and when) they must be anticipating an increase in traffic as a new per-manent brick-built customs house is under construction to replace the existing "Portakabin "-type but. Out in the snow were three motorized skiused by the soldiers but by almost everyone else who wants to move off the roads including Lapps rounding up their rein-

The area is particularly sensitive at the moment as many Finns who have lived a peaceful and now extremely prosperous coexistence with their "big brother", are worried about the international situation which they feel is at its worst since the Korean war which ironically later led to an unprecedented economic boom for the country.

about one-third of the whole country in area, know that they are a strategic "hot" zone be-tween Nato forces on their western and northern frontiers and former member of the frontier guard said that the people of Ivalo, population about 2,700. believed that if, a very big "if", of course, the Russians did come they would attempt to drive straight through to the west and thus effectively chop off the top half of the country. They also knew that Nato forces would not attempt to hold them back until Soviet forces reached longitude 24 degrees, just west of the Norwegian town of Lak-

The ex-officer, remembering 1940 when the Finns held back the Russians, said that if it really came to the point a fierce guerrilla war would break out. Although there are only a few of us, we would have no difficulty in holding out for months", he added. " particularly in win-It so happens that the Finnish army have now upgraded the local area garrison at Sodankyla to brigade headquarters. This mouth thousands Finnish troops will be taking part in border exercises, not only in Lapland but throughout the country as the present entry conscripts complete their

This will no doubt lead to another round of speculation

in the Norwegian and Swedish

training.

considerable aggravation here by suggesting that Russian troops, some 20,000 strong, were massing on the Finnish frontier. Suspicions were increased when Finnish fighters flew low level patrols up and down the Lap border. But these kind of reports were categorically denied by Moscow. Finalsh sources in Helsinki say that border exercises, particularly in the south-ern Karelian isthmus take place

When it is almost too cold to breath

Certainly, at Joseph's Hut, there was nothing happening. nothing at all except the cold. cold snow falling. The only movement was by a pair of whiteclad Finnish soldiers with rifles and walky-talkies on their backs setting off through the border woods. One said that the greatest danger was in fact from the brown bear of which about 400 have been reported in the area, the highest number ever known.

It is amazing that life goes in these conditions but it does. At around minus 25 degrees the inside of your nose freezes when you breathe in; ar much lower temperatures it is positively dangerous to

It is not only cold in Ivalo
breathe in fast as the inside but dark as well. Although the
of your lungs is likely to get worst of the winter is over and

through a protective cloth. Surprisingly enough there are the ice and snow. Cars have

to be fitted with studded snow tyres by law and you must remember to plug the electric sump heater into the nearest point when you stop the car, especially for an hour or so, as otherwise the oil freezes. Back axles will often freeze solid and can only be freed by drag-ging the car with a tractor or lorry. You must not leave the handbrake on (as I did once) or the brake shoes freeze to the drums; if the inside of the car is warm and moist when you step out your boots immediarely freeze to the ground unless you move quickly

You would think all this is enough to put people off all ourside work. But no. At the small, expanding skiing resort of Saariselka, where the new Rikonkieppi hotel is just open-ing for the "season", two workmen muffled up to the eyes were adroitly wielding power chain saws as they put the finishing touches to a luxury timber holiday house, no doubt owned by one of the banks or business houses from Helsinki down in the far south where they have been shivering in only

minus 20 degrees.



"kaamos" or winter twilight (no sun) has ceased the sun at present barely rises above the trees at midday and vanishes around 3 pm. But soon the days will lengthen and the Finnish "spring winter" (March to May) will begin, and bring out the tourists for cross country skiing, something that the venerable statesman and President, Urbo Kekkonen, still does at the age of 79.

The last of the reindeer round-up hould now be over and the 2.00 or so Lapps, or more accirately Sami, who live in this will get down to the busiof making money from seling their meat, guiding the touists or joining in the gold rus which will take place this when the snow melts.

t the bamlet of Tankayaara, no far from here, there is a god mine and today, as you would expect, things are booming. It is run on behalf of the 20 member association of gold prespectors by lakeri Syrjanen

Goldrush after the thaw

Miss Syrjanen, who has ved for five years in the hari area, has built up and eveloped the gold mine as a orking industrial archaeologiproject. Apart from being most attractive gold digger, the is immensely interested in preserving all the relics from he old gold prospecting days rom the area generally. There now a proper museum and deep under the snow outside is the now hard frozen river with its gold.

"Oh. yes, we are expecting real gold fever this summer", she said beguilingly as she

let me bandle the half kilo or 50 of gold that she and Kauka had found or bought from the other miners (professionals). Gold was first found here in 1936 and is one of several traditional gold mining districts in Lapland. The largest nugger found was 183gms in 1950. One of the old miners, Heikki Kokko, now about 65, who lives in Ivalo, found two kilos of gold one day and immediately bought his wife from another gold miner. Aaro Raumpala, for one kilo. They are still living, hap y and apparently prosperous as well

If you feel like tracking w the arctic wastes you can still stake a claim via the local land registry office for 200 marks a hectare (about £25) a year provided you are Finnish and work it each year. But for yery much less anyone can pay a small fee and hire a washingpan and a pair of boots and ait on a log in the river washing away the sand and gravel until only the gleaming specks of gold are left behind in the pan. And if that fails you can always buy a gramme or two (or more if you can afford the ianen as I did. Well, it was nearly mid-winter and minus
31 degrees and I left minus
only a few pounds, but I had
a pocketful of gold, or almost.

Michael Frenchman

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THE ARC OF ISLAM

Seviet troops should withdraw from Afghanistan. That is the absolute condition of progress in international affairs. But few of us have any clear ideas about. how to get them out, and so far we have very reasonably con-centrated on making our displeasure felt in various ways, less in the hope of actually getting them out than of making the Soviet leaders think twice before doing the same in another country.

That is right and necessary but

it is not enough. We should not resign ourselves to seeing Afghanistan permanently absorbed into the Soviet empire. That would be bad for the Afghans but also bad for us. It leaves us with the choice either of gradually relaxing our guard and resuming more or less friendly relations with the Soviet Union-in which case we shall simply have demonstrated our weakness and all our gestures of condemnation will have been worse than useless—or of main-taining at atmosphere of hostility and tension, accelerating the arms race, staking out areas of influence throughout the world. and snubbing any Soviet gestures of friendship. We must be prepared to maintain this latter attitude if the occupation of Afghanistan goes on, but it is no good pretending to enjoy it. It will be unpleasant, expensive and dangerous, both for the world in general and for the vicinity of

Afghanistan in particular. In effect we are being forced back to the policies of Mr Dulles, nying to build a highly fortified line of defence across Asia against Soviet expansion, a line which would now have to stretch from Shanghai to the Bosphorus. The Baghdad Pact, and its child CENTO, are rising again from their graves. The governments of Pakistun and of several Arab countries are willing, even anxidus, to have substantial military aid and some kind of guarantee, amounting virtually to an alliance, from the West. The government of Iran is not, as yet. The memory of the Shah's tyranny, and of the damage done to Iran's self-respect by the manner of western support for it, are still too fresh. Yet there has already been a marked shift in Iranian perspective since the Sovier invasion of Afghanistan. The more that tension in the region rises, the more likely it is that sooner or later Iran will feel obliged to accept a degree of renewed western aid as 'the'

lesser of two cvils.

That policy would certainly not win unanimous support in Iran. It might well add to the unpopularity of a revolutionary regime whose glamour is already tarnished by economic difficulties and religious intolerance. Equally it is unlikely that mussive supplies of western arms will add to the already low popularity General Zia's regime in Pakistan, while almost certainly friction between the West and India will increase.

This division of the region into armed camps closely tied to rival superpowers goes against the trend which has been so clearly affirmed throughout it in the last few years-the trend towards independence based on a reassertion of Islamic identity. The West fell foul of that trend in Iran. The Soviet Union has now, most unwisely, attacked it in Afghanistan. The main difference Islamic nations.

is that the West, while supporting the Shah, was not prepared to go to the length of sending troops to try and maintain him in power against the manifest will of the Iranian people, whereas the Soviet Union has sent in troops to try and prevent a pro-communist government from being swept away by the manifest will of the Afghan people. They may be able to hold on, but it is costing them a lot, and will cost them even more,

These three non-Arah Muslim countries-Pakistan, Afghanistan and Iran-wedged between the Soviet Union and the Indian Ocean, must be allowed to choose for themselves. They must be free to go the way that the great majority of their people evidently want 10 go; to work out their town forms of government, based on Islamic principles, in non-alignment and in peace. Both Soviet, and western interests could best he met by agreeing to recognize and guarantee the neutrality of all three countries. not seeking to interfere with their freedom, their independence, their right to non-alignment or their religion. The arc of crisis should be made an arc of independent Islam. For the Soviet Union the example of Austria is surely more favourable than that of the Afghan occupation. If there is even a shred of sincerity in Mr. Brezhnev's protestations of anxiety to preserve détente, he should find this proposition well worth discussing; the West, which needs a policy beyond its immediate reaction, should find it in supporting self determination and the opportunity for mon-alignment of these three major.

THINGS THAT LOOK PRETTY ODD

no wrong", said Chief Justice Holt in 1701, "though it may do several things that look pretty odd". That maxim, cited by Lord Edmund-Davies, sums up the attitude of the five law lords who yesterday provided their reasons for overturning the decision by the Court of Appeal prohibiting the union from extending the steel strike to the private sector. Their Lordships were at pains to explain that they were reluctant to come to their conclusion but that the terms of the statute abliged them to do so. They were mere interpreters of the law; if the law was oppressive, it was for Parliament, and not judges to change it. The eir Lordships found themselve: | 5 unable to distinguish betweets the steel case and Magazhane v Express Newspapers I, in which they had decided trinat secondary blacking on the part of jour-nalists, on the instruction of their union, f ell within the immunity grandited under section 13 of the Trade Union and Laboury Relations Act 1974 becaused it was an act "in furtherand trade dispute ". The action by Mr Sirs and his union in calling on workers in the private sector to strike was equally an act in furtherance of

action. Parliament grants Where exceptionally wide powers or immunities to a particular group or authority-whether it be the police, government departments, tax inspectors, or trade unionsthe statutory provisions which give rise to those powers must be interpreted restrictively. The greater the power, the stricter the interpretation. That is not only common sense; it is a necessary requirement for the maintenance of the rule of law in a democratic society. For if those authorities or groups are given

rightly, has been cancelled.

However, may I make this comment on the framing of the pictures? There is a difference in

quality which strikes one. Those lent by museums and public galleries seem so very banal and unsuitable, while the frames from private collections are largely imaginative and sympathetic.

Of course, this may be only be-cause of tight money, but one hopes

that curators will note the compa-

rison and, wherever possible, show

off these masterpieces to better

Sir, The 1,500 or more members of Boards of Visitors are at one with your correspondents (February 1) in being aware of the importance

of ensuring their independence, of the need to remedy any sense of isolation amongst themselves and to seek wavs of making the public better informed as to their activi-

ties. Delegates from all boards were

given a full opportunity to discuss the formation of a National Associa-

tion at the last two annual conferences of Boards of Visitors, of

which I had the honour to be

45 Finsbury Square, EC2.

advantage.

Yours truly

February 1.

PETER VANNECK.

Boards of Visitors

From Mrs C. M. Romanes

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a trade dispute, and therefore

immune from normal legal

"An Act of Parliament can do . wide powers, and in addition are allowed to exercise them with-out proper legal control, the liberties of the individual are surely in danger. That the trade unions have been given immunities of immense scope is not in doubt. Unhappily, the House of Lords, far from treating the statutory provisions conferring those immunicies to the most restrictive infirproaction pos-sible, have in down criteria which, jen pretice make it virtually impossple b challenge

The House of Louis said in MacShane—and he were not obliged to do so that the test for people undertakir, secondary industrial action we whether they honestly believe that their action was capable ofurthering the trade dispute in uestion. If they did so believe, hat action was covered by the amunity. It was a subjective tst, though slightly qualified by se necessity for the belief to be hid honestly, a concept which mint itself be liable to objective anlysis bringing in the element oreasonableness. Only Lord Vilberforce favoured a purely elective test. We would follow Ltd Wilberforce and the Machane case both on the need for a objection test, and on it havin been met. It was a pity that brd Wilber-force was unavoidable absent in the steel case.

Lord Scarman's jdgment in the steel case set outwith clarity the dilemma which idges have to face: "Interpretabn does, of course, imply in theinterpreter a power of choice were differing constructions ar possible. But our law require the judge to choose the construction which in his judgment bestmeets the legislative purpose of the enactmetn . . . Only if a ust result can be achieved withor violating the legislative purpse of the

idea of what justice requires." Unfortunately he went on to say, in effect, that justice required the application of subjective test. That is not valid, The law lords, both in MacShane and in the steel case, could have plumped for the objective approach, and won. Indeed have been following precedents on interpreation. That they did not do so demonstrates their basic illiberality and disregard for individual freedom. As it happens; in both cases, the result; would probably have been the same; the actions taken by the unions in the two cases could both have been considered "in furtherance of a trade dispute ' under the objectives test.

construction which best suits his

Lord Diplock, who delivered certain what the relevant section of the statute meant, but when it came to dealing with the letter written by Mr Sirs which had led Lord Denning to say that the dispute had become political and -had-ceased to be about " trade ". showed a lexity of interpretation which hardly inspires confidence. The definition of "trade dispute", too, requires a strict interpretation, which was not given it by their Lordships, though, again, had they adopted the correct approach, the conclusion would probably have

heen the same. If there is one consolation to be drawn from a reading of the reasons provided by the law lords, it is that they, too, now appear to feel strongly that Parliamentary intervention is necessary to save them from further confusion. The error of the Lords is this: they apply a principle of adherance to the statute to confuse Lord Denning, but they do not apply a principle of strict construction to limit the statute. The combination is injurious to statute may the judgeselect the liberty.

It was the opinion if a large majority that the formation of a Marginal improvement majority association we, however, unlikely to promote as greater effectiveness of Boards I Visitors, as your correspondents uggest, and indeed might on occasions be a From Sir Peter Vanneck, MEP for Sir, The exhibition of the Post Impressionists at the Royal Academy is quite outstanding and I am delighted to hear that it is being extended for a fortnight before it goes on to Washington to take the place of the Hermitage Exhibition from Russia which, so rightly, has been cancelled. Cleveland (Conservative)

hindrance.
At present each boart enjoys the right of direct access to the Home Secretary, where it this it necessary in the interests of the local penal institution which t exists to serve. Delegates saw in advantage in losing this right trough the, creation, at some expens, of a new, bureaucratic machine through which their requests wold have to be channelled and mightwell suffer

As to the genuine sede of isolation previent some yers ago, it is being dispelled by may boards taking the initiative ant arranging visits to other boards, and the institutions they serve. Is to be hoped that full advantae will be taken of these facilities which con-tribute to the training that conference members last year onsidered

so important for board nembers.

Valuable proposals regarding greater publicity and opnness for boards were also made at ast year's conference and will be futher discussed at the forthcoming Chairmen's Study Group. Yours faithfully,

MARGARET ROMANES. Chairman, Board of Visitos, HM Borstal, Portland, Portesham House, Near Weymouth, February 2.

Abolition of quangos

From Mr Max Morris Sir. Powerful cases against their abolition as "quangos" are made on behalf of two important belies in your columns today (February 1). February 1:

May I add a plea for the Centre for information and advice on Educational Disadvantage, the sole educational, Disabvantage, the sole victim selected from a list of 20 "executive quangos" by the Department of Education and Science? This closure is very difficult to understand in the light of the Pliatzky, report, which presumably gives the Government the appropriate middless for action priate guidelines for action.

priate guidelines for action.

The centre fulfils all the Pliatzky conditions for survival: its finances are publicly accountable; it is not a vehicle for patronage since done of its governors are paid salaries or emoluments; and, since savinas are the object of the exercise, its expenditure of £300,000 is minuscule in referion to total quango expendiexpenditure of 250,000 in ministrate in referion to total quango expenditure (£5,800m) or even DES quango expenditure of £342m. It meets Pliotzky's criterion as a single-purpose organization whose work cannot be performed by the department, and its work must be essential since the department proposes to use some of the savings to do the same job-though we are not told

As I have been informed by the Secretary of State that although we are listed in the report as abolished, he is giving the matter further thought, and as he confirmed this to the local education authorities only yesterday, may I hope that he will reverse a decision which was taken withour any of the normal processes of evaluation or consultation. I trust he will follow the procedures wisely recommended in the report (paras 77 and 78) and review the situation with us regularly in a serious examination of our work.

Yours, etc. MAX MORRIS, Acting Chairman, Centre for information and advice on Educational Disadvantage, 11 Anson Road,

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Phased expansion of reserve forces

From Mr Michael Stephen and Mr From Mr Michael Stephen and Mr Phillip Smith Sir, On January 26, the Defence Minister declared: "We must main-tain the will to pursue a sustained programme of improvement until our armed forces are capable of carrying out their vital tasks. It is no good complaining when the house has burned down that you have forgotten to pay the insurance pre-

mium."
If and when the Soviets decide upon their next step it would be foolish to assume that their military planners will give the West enough warning to remedy the neglect of our armed forces, and Mr Pym is right to cell for action now. Since 1945 every young man in the Soviet block has received mili-

mry training, and their resources of trained manpower are now enormous. By contrast, only a tiny proportion of the men of this country have received any military training at all in the past twenty years, and it is essential that compulsory training is introduced forthwith. We do not advocate a return to full-time "national service" but every men on reacting the age of 18 should be required to attend a short full-time course of basic training and thereafter to serve in the reserve forces. Much greater efforts should also be made as a matter of largency to recruit former regular servicemen, into reserve units as Officers and NCOs. Any large scale expension of reserve forces must of course be phased, since our regular forces are so diminished in num-bers that they could not immediately provide enough training facilities,

even in peacetime. We do not pretend that reserves can maintain the same degree of technical competence as regulars, but they can be converted far more quickly than raw recruits into effective fightine men. Yours frithfully,

MICHAEL STEPHEN, Secretary. Foreign Affairs Committee, PHILLIP SMITH. Secretary, Defence Committee, The Bow Group. 240 High Holborn, WC1.

Deaths in police custody

From the Chairman of the Joint Central Committee of the Pelice Federation of England and Walcs Mescher's belated conversion (letter, Fobrusry 5) to a cause which the Police Federation publicized months ago—the failure of the Government of which he was a minister to carry through its com-mendable promise to provide detoxification centres so that the police could be relieved of the burden of dealing with simple drunkenness among homeless and rootless alcoholics.

It was the Police Federation, months ago, which gave consider-able space in its magazine to the threat hanging over the highly successful Leeds centre. If Mr Meacher can remember, the threat arose from a squabble between government departments over the alloca-

have described the proposed public inquiry into deaths in police custody as a fishing expedition for precisely the rousons advanced in Mr Meacher's letter. He now drags in the statistics of complaints of police assault made in one year, 1978, and compares them with deaths in custody over 10 years. He omits to mention that in the year he picked, 1978, the police took 561,000 persors into police custody, of whom 48 died, either in custody or afterwords. Is he really surprised that approximately one in every 200 parsons arrested subsequently com-plained that the police assaulted

Mr Meacher needs to be reminded Mr Meacher needs to be reminded that not everyone who is arrected "goes quietly". Many offer violent resistance, espocially if they are drunk or feel that they can effect their escape by assaulting the police. The police have always been entitled to use sufficient force to entitled to use sufficient force to effect a lawful arrest. This does

effect a lawful arrest. This does not entitle them to go beyond a level of force necessary to make an arrest, but I can well understand why this gives rise to complaints of assault by the police.

It would have been for more relevant if Mr Meacher had made his comparison with reliable figures, such as the number of cases of alleged assault which had been established to the sprisfortion een established to the satisfaction of a court of law. Mr Meacher will say, of course, that these figures are syspect because he suspects the willingness of the Director of Public Prosecutions to bring

charges. Sir, the argument over deaths in custody has been going on for some months. I find it significant that in spite of all the publicity and speculation, we are still offered only the cases of Liddle Towers (twice probed at public inquests and considered by the Director of Public Prosecutions) and James Kelly, which is to be investigated by next inquest, as examples of alleged brutality to people in custody. Two cases out of four million people who were in custody between 1970 and 1979.
Yours faithfully.

JAMES JARDINE, Chairman, Joint Central Committee. Police Federation of England and Wales, 15-17 Langley Road, Surbiton, Surrey. February 5.

Turning on the tap From Vice-Admiral Sir Stephen

Sir, I very much wish that MIS would start tapping the telephone of our elder son (with the Home Secretary's "personal considered approval" of course).

They would quickly discover that Knightwick 224 has been out of Knightwick 334 has been out of action for several days, and they might be able to alert the GPO. I

Yours fairbfully, STEPHEN H. CARLILL, Hamilton Court, Milford-on-Sea, Lymington. Hampshire. February 4.

Trade unions and the rule of law

From Professor Lord Wedderburn

of Charlton
Sir, Mr Alexander (February 7)
criticizes me for a point I did not
make. I suggested (February 4) that
recent House of Lords' decisions had
reasserted with clarity the traditional meaning of the golden
formula itself: "in contemplation
of furtherance of a trade dispute".
Mr Alexander rightly says that the
range of actions protected within
that formula changed between 1906
and 1976.

He is nevertheless wrong to suggest that this "objectionable" change is "modern" in the sense that it alters what Parliament intended in 1906. The Act of 1905 protected inducing breach of contracts of employment in order to make industrial action lawful. In cases decided in the 1950s and 1960s, however, the contracts of the cases of t ever, the courts widened trade unionists' liabilities, especially by making their industrial action un-lawful for interfering with com-

mercial contracts.

The Donovan Report in 1968 unanimously recommended that the acts protected within the golden, such interference (seven Commis-sioners restricting the recommended change to "official" trade union action; five proposing no such restriction), Without such a moderni-zation of the 1906 Act, all industrial

zation of the 1906 Act, all industrial action was by the end of the 1960s at risk of illegality.

In 1976, therefore, interference with commercial contracts was brought within the protection of the golden formula. Lord Scarman in: NVL v Woods. 1979, summarized the modern position when better the modern position rather better than Mr Alexander does, by saying of the 1974 Act as amended in 1976: "... the legislative purpose is clear; to sweep awar not only the structure of industrial relations created by the Industrial Relations.
Act. 1971, which it was passed to repeal, but also the restraints of judicial review which the course have been fashioning one way or another since the eractment of the Trade Disputs Act. 1906. Rejective Trade Disputes Act. 1906. . . Briefly put, the law now is back to what Parliament had intended when it enacted the Act of 1936 but stronger and clearer than it was then." Yours sincerely. WEDDERBURN OF CHARLTON, 29 Woodside Avenue, Highgare, N6.

From Mr Leonard Griffiths Sir; : Some of your correspondents and many others who argue shout.

February 7.

what the law is or was miss an inportant point. While the law on striking and picketing has changed little over the years the manner in which trade unlong conduct strikes has changed profoundly since 1972 when the "flying picket" first emerged on a significant scale at a Birmingham

generating station.

Frade, unionists were quick to realize (not the least slow being the politically motivated) that here was weapon of quite enormous power which was apparently within the law and the two recent decisions of the House of Lords confirm its legality.

What is new, therefore, is the manner in which trade unions now exploit their power and the effect.

of their conduct on the rest of the community who are not involved in a particular industrial dispute. The effect of the massive extension in the range of the strike wear pon from the employer originally involved in the dispute to any other employer, business or establishment whom the union believes might be a struttable soft hostang is that large suitably soft hostage is that large sections of the community are no longer free to go about their lawful business (and are deprived of any protection from the law) whenever a trade union chooses to make

therance of a trades dispute". Mr Prior's Bill does nothing to. reverse this situation, but should. Yours faithfully, LEONARD GRIFFITHS, ... Quickset House, Everleigh, Marlborough, Wiltshire.

February 6.

From Sir Genffrey Vickers, VC. ... Sir. Why not leave the right to prefet with the wide meaning which it has now been declared to have but confine it to its legitimate purpose in inform and persuade-by limiting the numbers on any picket line to those who can do so without intimidating by mere numbers? (An old issue, I know, but one worth reexamining in desperate times.) It would be hard to argue persuasively for a limit higher than three

persons. : A picket is not a demonstration. espouse. But if at the end they wish to present a petition or plead their cause only a small delegation is allowed to do so. A picket by constant has special immunities and poriets procisely because its func-tions are supposed to be limited to those of the "delegation", as

Infinidation is a function of numbers as well as behaviour, as everyone knows who has ever sparoached a crowd that deliberately bars his way. The right to incimidate is not a right of man or of democracy or of the trade union movement. It is a wrong and has

tion is a right. But they are different rights with different limitations and different immunities. The confusion of the two is a form of double talk

Yours very truly GEOFFREY VICKERS,

Double appeal over steel strike

From Mr Anthony Cripps, QC Siv. The steel strike brings out to those interested in the law yet again rife' desirability of doing away with double opposal. Why do we waste judicial talent in allowing someone who less failed on appeal to the Court of Appeal then to my again in the House of Lurds? Surely the combined expertise of the Law Lords and the Lords Justices could be herear utilized in more divisions. be better utilized in more divisions of one single appeal court?

Apart from the expenditure of excess time, effort and money, this strike has produced the nationally most undesirable result that at this present time no one knows what the final result in the courts will be: will the Lords entertain another appeal? If so, which way will it go? To many not directly connected with the law this position is intoler-

If there were a single appeal court any spare Lords Justices could help out in lower courts; for instance vesterday one was presiding in a Queen's Bench Divisional Court and indicated that that court had many cases which were writing to come on as long as two years!

The other relevant point is that

there have been double appeals in which the combined total of distin-guished Lords Justices and Law Lords expressed apinings or judge ments contrary to the ultimate sion, for instance all three Lords Justices overruled by a three to two

majority in the House. The present arrangement contravenes a principle that the law should certain-or at least as certain as possible! I am. Sir. etc.

ANTHONY CRIPPS, 1 Hereourt Buildings, Temple, EC4. January 30.

From Mr W. Bluhm Sir, For 40 years I have advised clients not to litigate. "It's a mug's game. If you want to lose your money, enjoy a holiday in Las Vegas".

Rejecting the EEC budget From Mr Roger Broad

Sir. With reference to Michael Shanks's article (January 25) underlining the significance of last month's rejection by the European Parliament of the Council of Ministers' draft budget for 1980, it is essential to correct one misunderis essential to correct one misunderstanding.
The power to reject the hudget in

its entirety is expressly conferred on the Parliament in Article 203, paragraph 8, of the EEC Treaty, subsequent to the 1975 Treaty amending Certain Financial Provi-

There has been no recent recognition of this power by "an astute Euro-MP", and the possible exercise of the power has been raised in every annual round of budget debates since it was conferred. Yours faithfully, ROGER BROAD

Head of London Information Office, European Parliament, 20 Kensington Palace-Gardens, W8.

Participants in a demonstration stress by their numbers how strong and, widespread is the cause they

always been so.
Picketing is a right. Demonstra-

we need to root out.

Those who opposed such a limitation of numbers on any one picket. line could support their orgument only by admitting that what they prize is the right to intimidate, not the right to inform and persuade the bogus right, not the real one.

Manar Road, Goring, Reading, Rerkshire. February 5.

The decision of the House of

Lords (report, February 2) in Duport Steels Ltd and Others v files +and Others bas once - assin.brought into prominence the law of the lottery. Three Lords Justice of Appeal unanimously: reversed the decision of a High Court Judge in Chambers by finding for the plaintiffs. Having refused leave to appeal to the House of Lords. the Appeals Committee of the House of Lords granted leave to appeal and five Law Lords unant-mously reversed the decision of the Court of Appeal and restored the original judgment in favour of the

defendants. Would the Lord Chancellor, the Lord Chief Justice (my old tutor), the Master of the Rolls, the Chairman of the Bar Council and the President of the Law Society please advise solicitors and counsel how to guide their clients who, on the face of it, have suffered au injustice? Reference to common law, statute and decided cases is wholly unreliable, as it has proved time and again to be a wasted and thank-

Are we lawyers—professionally trained and examined and kept up to date by diligent and time-consuming reading of current law and decisions and, not infrequently, by cursory study of original bills of 'are "the crouniers, operating roulette tables at Monte Carlo and elsewhere? What do our legislators and democratic leaders mean when they preach to us to observe "law and order"?

Why should the litigant pay for the spin of the wheel operated in three courts by nine judges, par-ticularly when judges frequently make new law and the new law must be mken into consideration when advising clients but cannot. Yours faithfully, WALTER BLUHM, 3 Brangwyn Crescent, Westdene, Brighton, Sussex.

Design of donor cards From Mrs David Gammer

Sir. In view of the recent publicity tages to transplant surgery (report, January 30) if they are carried at all times, might I, through the courtesy of your columns, urge that they be redesigned into a more practical format?
The present cards (5in x 4in) are

too large for purse or waller and too filmsy to survive transfer from pocket to pocket or the daily rough and-tumble of a handbag. Let them fit in with our collection of credit and bank cards or tuck neatly in with the driving licence and more will be found at the moment they are needed.

Yours faithfully, IANET W. GAMMER. Heathercroft. Elvendon Road, Goring, Reading, ٠, Berkshire. February 4

Delayed decisions

on arts grants From Mr Ellis Birk

Sir, We are one of the many hundreds of organizations regularly in reteipt of a small Arts Council grant, which helps to bridge the gap between what we receive from the box office and what we pay out in expenses. Without this grant we shall undoubtedly close and without adequate notification of what it

might be, we can make no plans for future programmes. We are now within eight weeks of the start of the new financial year and the Arts Council has not yet received advance notification of the government allocation for the forthcoming financial year commencing

April, 1980.

Inability to plan is catastrophic and it is little use telling us in April that certain money is available, when we shall have already abandoned seasons and sacked companies. companies.

How can we impress upon the

Government that the arts are one of the few great assets Britain has still to offer the world which can and do earn both money and prestige?
Can the Arts Council he enabled

to plan for at least the next three months; if not the next three •vears ? Yours faithfully,

ELLIS BIRK. Chairman, Round House Trust Limited, Chalk Farm Road, NW1.

Christians and cults

From Mr Tom Minchin Sir, The flaw in Mr Frampton's argument of January 17 is that he presents but one side of the case. Viewed in the round; ute picture

is rather different. Woen the Church of Scientology In the United States embarked on nts campaign against unethical psychiatric practices by the ClA in the early 1950s, it was not aware that a programme called COINTEL-PRO existed, COINTELPRO was the BUS campaign to discontinuously.

FBI's campaign to discredit internal "dissident" groups by circulating false information about them.

The Churcil of Scientulogy was one of 20,000 individuals and groups so targetted in the United States. Unlike many, including Jean Seberg who allegedly committed suicide as a result of FBI barossment, the Church of Scientalugy weathered the storm, albeit as the committed of a good suicided with the committed of a good suicided with the storm of a good suicided with the storm of a good suicided with the suicided suicide

recipient of a good many "dirty tricks", including forging Church policy letters.

When, in the early 1970s, the Clurch discovered that it was amongst those on the new notorious "enemies list" of Mr Nixon, it sought to clear up any and all false reports which had been circulated in the United States and abroad. This is being done through the courts and has been to a large degree successful. The Church is now officially recognized in the United States. Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Rhodesia, Germany,

Sweden and Denmark. The American proceedings to, which Mr Frampton refers are under appeal on major grounds. Those grounds were recognized as uriclently serious by the United States Court of Appeals at the end of last year that it granted bail to all defendants. The essence of the grounds of appeal is that the case is political and that COINTELPRO

lives on.

That controversy is an internal United States matter. In this country the fact is that the ban on overseas Scientologists was examined for two vears by a government inquiry under Sir John Foster, QC. His report con-cluded that the ban was unjustified and contrary to Anglo-Saxon tradi-

The principle at issue was that just as the law should apply to all equally, so bureaucratic strictures and licence should also apply to all equally, and not depending political, religious or ra political, religious or racial categories. The opposite of that principle is

the exclusiveness advocated by Mr Frampton. Sincerely, TOM MINCHIN, Director of Public Affairs (UK),

The Church of Scientology, Saint Hill Manor, Fast Grinstead, Sussex.

From the Reverend Roger Brown Sir, I was interested to read Mr. Patrick Lake's letter on scientology (January 29) and in particular his comment that scientology is not about religion but about the mind. if scientology is not a quasi-religious cult, why is the head-quarters in East Grinstead called The Church of Scientology, why is there a chapel there, why are there forms of service akin to Baptism and Holy Matrimony and why do some members of the "cult" wear clerical collars, as I have observed them do, when they are not bona fide ministers of religious? fide ministers of religion? Sir. I have the honour to remain your orthodox Christian (Church of England) Servant, ROGER BROWN.

St Swithun's Parish Church, East Grinstead.

Life-saving equipment

From Mr G. B. L. Wilson Sir, The extract "25 years agn" of February 2 about the letter which the famous chef Alexis' Soyer wrote to The Times on Febwhen I was on the staff of the Science Museum and collecting material for the new History of Domestic Appliances gallery. I wrote in 1971 to the Army School of Cookery asking if they could her us have one of the priginal let us have one of the original Sover Stoves for exhibition.

They replied regretting that they no longer had an original stove but they would gladly let us have one in current use by the Army. I accepted it—it had not changed in the control of the in over a hundred years—and there it stands in the Gallery beneath a contemporary print of Soyer surrounded by the Crimean generals looking gratefully at his stove, which is said to have saved more lives than Florence Nightingale herself.

Yours faithfully. G. B. L. WILSON, 54 Mortlake Road, Kew Gardens,

.. Surrey.



COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM
February 6: By command of The
Queen, the Lord Hamilton of
Dalzeli (Lord in Waiting) was
present at Heathrow Airport, London, this morning upon the departure of The King of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, and bade farewell to His Majesty on behalf of Her Majesty.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE February 7: The Duke of Edin-burgh arrived in the Royal Train at Aberdeen Station this morning and was received by the Lord Provost of Aberdeen (Mr W. J.

Fraser). Royal Highness afterwards flew from Dyce Airport to visit the Safety Vessel MSV Tharos, near the Piper Platform in the of Edinburgh's Design Prize at the

near the Piper Figure 1. North Sea.
The Duke of Edinburgh, Honor-sry Air Commodore, later visited Royal Air Force Kinloss (Commanding Officer, Group Captain manding o...
J. B. Harris).
Commander J. B. harry,
Wing Commander Antony
Nicholson was in attendance.
The Prince of Wales this aftermoon at Buckingham Palace received Professor T. Symons,

BUCKINGHAM PALACE February 6: The Prince of Wales, Patron, the British Film Institute, was present this evening at a performance of the film "Red Dust" at the National Film Theatre, London SE1.

Mr Oliver Everett was in

CLARENCE HOUSE
February 7: Queen Elizabeth The
Queen Mother was represented
by The Princess Margaret, Countcess of Snowdon at the Service of
Thanksgiving for Miss joyce
Grenfell which was held in Westminster Abbey this afternoon,

Forthcoming

marriages

Mr A. Baxter and Miss L. Woolcombe The engagement is announced between Adrian, second son of Air and Mrs P. W. Baxter, of 12 King Edward's Road, Ruislip, and Lucinda (Lucy), fourth daughter of Mr and Mrs J. H. G. Woollcombe, of 19 St Leonard's Road, Ealing and Hemerdon House, Flympton, Davon

Mr N. R. G. Carrington and Miss L. M. Hartley
The engagement is announced and the marriage will take place on May 17 between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs T. G. Carrington, of Nightingale Crescent, West Horsley, Surrey, and Linda, elder daughter of Mr R. H. Hartley and of the late Mrs Muriel Hartley, of Kiln House, Burton-in-Lonsdale, Lancashire.

Mr D. G. Cassidy and Miss R. E. Wells The engagement is announced hetween Dennis, son of Mr and Mrs C. D. T. Cassidy, of Nairobi. Kenya, and Rosamond, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs F. Wells, of Clun, Shropshire.

Air A. H. Liewelyn and Miss C. M. St Aubyn The engagement is announced between Andrew. son of the Rev J. H. N. and Mrs Llewelyn, of Barton Stacey, Hampshire. and Caroline. younger daughter of Major and Mrs T. E. St Aubyn, of Wootton St Lawrence, Hampshire.

KENSINGTON PALACE February 7: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, as President, this evening attended the Dockland Settlements' annual Dinner held at the Banqueting Rooms, Whitehall.
The Hon Mrs Hon Mrs Wills was in

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
February 7: The Duke of Kent,
as Patron, today visited the
National Army Museum at Royal
Hospital Road, Chelsea.
Captain John Treadwell was in

Capitan John Treadwell was in attendance.
The Duchess of Kent, as Chancellor, today visited the University of Leeds.
Her Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Miss Carola Godman Irvine.

The Queen will hold an investiture Buckingham Palace on March

The Duke of Edinburgh, as President of the Royal Society of Arts, will preside at a meeting of the Committee for the Environment at Publishers Pales of the Edward Pal Committee for the Buyllonian Buckingham Palace on February

of Edinburgh's Design Prize at the Design Centre, Haymarket, on February 20.

The Duke of Edinburgh will open the "British Growers" Look Ahead" national conference and exhibition of the National Farmers' Union at Harrogate, on February

A memorial service for Lord Pearson will be held in the Temple Church at 4.45 pm on Tuesday, March 4, 1980.

Birthdays today

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Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra, 77;
Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Marrin
Gilliat, 67; Marshal of the RAF
Sir John Grandy, 67; Mr Harman
Grisewood, 74; Admiral of the
Fleet Lord Hill-Norton, 65; Rabbi
Dr I. Jakobovits, S9; Sir Leonard
Linjon, 84; Sir Kenneth Maddocks, 73; Lord O'Brien of Lothbury, 72; Lord Rayne, 62; Licutenant-Colonel R. H. Russell, 80;
Professor Sir Richard Southern,

Mr J. P. C. Channey and Miss F. A. M. Whent The engagement is announced between Christopher, eldest son of Mr and Mrs A. L. P. Chauncy, of Hersham, Surrey, and Felicity, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs J. A. Whent of Willissian Chapita. A. Whent, of Wilmsiow, Cheshire.

Mr G. F. Flynn and Miss A. S. Taylor
The engagement is announced between Gordon, son of Mrs Margaret Flynn and the late Mr Heary Flynn, of Glasgow, and Allson, daughter of Mr and Mrs Rex Taylor, of West Kirby, Wirral.

Mr M. J. Wakefield Mr M. J. Wekefield
and Miss B. M. Dearbergh
The engagement is announced
between Mark Jeremy, younger
son of Mr and Mrs P. E. Wakefield, of Desford, Lekestershire,
and Belinds Mary, elder daughter
of the late Mr G. F. Dearbergh
and Mrs Dearbergh, of 10 Pembroke Road, London, W8.

Marriages

Mr R. E. Coote and Mrs A. L. Ellis The marriage took place on Satur-day. February 2, is London between Mr Richard Coote and Mrs Lynne Ellis.

Mr R. A. H. Davis
and Mrs S. L. Evans
The marriage took place on February 1, 1980 at St Mary The
Boltons Church, Kensington, London, between Nibbs, son of Mr
and Mrs L. H. Davis, of Raigate,
Surrey, and Mrs Sarsh Evans,
daughter of Mr and Mrs John
Millar, of Svdney, Australia.

Concert ROTAL MARINES

Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, attended a concert at the Royal Albert Hall given by the massed hands of the Royal Marines in aid of the Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children and Service Charities on Wednesday evening. The concert, given admually in February, was this year a tribute to the late Admiral of the Fleet Earl Mountbatten of Burma, Life Colonei Commandant Royal Marines, and will be called the Mounthatten Concert in future years. Lieutenant-General J. C. C. Richards, Commandant General Royal Marines, and Mrs Richards were hosts. Among other guests

were:
Admiral of the Fleet Sir Terence Lewin, Chief of the Delence Staff, and Lauy Lewin, Sir Kirby Laine, charmath, Royal Albert Hall Council, Mr Datue T Brown, Master, Armourers and Fraster's Company, and Mrs Brown, Mr Wilrid B. Hodgson, Master, Company, and Mrs Brown, Master Stationers' and Newspaner Makeral Company, and Mrs Hodgson, Commander and Alderman Sir Robin Cillelt, Master, Commany of Master Cillelt, Master, Commany of Master W. P. Baddeley, chairman, Valcoum Mrs Enddeley and Prolessor and Mrs John Giroy.

Countes Mountbatten of Burma and Lord Brabourne were represented.

and Lord Brabourne were represented by Mr David and Lary
Pamela Hicks at a second concert
held last right at the Albert Hall when the guests were:

when the guests were:
Mr Keith Speed, Parliamentary UnderSecretary of State for Defence for the
Royal Navy, and Mrs Speed, Admiral
Sir Henry Leach, Chief of Navai State
and First Sea Lord, and Ludy Leach,
Vice-Admiral J. P. Moorer. Commander-in-Chief United States Navas
Forces Europe, and Mrs Moorer.
Colonel Prince and Princeas Georg or
Denmark. Mr G. M. Worr. Master,
Drapers Company, and Mrs Warg. Mr
R. M. Sturdy. Master, Sadders Comrany. Mr A. B. J. B. Rubinstein,
Master, Mussicians Lompany, and Mrs
Rubinstein and Miss Stiss Datiov.
Second Master Sadders ComRubinstein and Miss Stiss Datiov.
Cancer Fund for Chilores.

Today's engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, the Queen Mother and the Prince of Wales attend Presentation of the Garter Banner of the Earl Mounthatten St George's Chapel, Windsor, 5, Exhibitions: New Paces, British Crafts Centre, 43 Bartham Street, Covent Garden, 10-5, Camberwell School of Art and Craft Paintings and Drawings. Craft Paintings and Drawings, South London Art Gallery Peck-ham Road, 10-6. Firsh Patch-work 1800-1900 ', Somerset House, Strand, 10-7 David Gar-

House, Strand, 10-7 David Garrick's Biccanenary.
Lectures: "Louise Nevelson" by Jennifer Stern. Tate Gallery, 1. Crivelli's Annuaciation of St. Emidius' by Audrey Tyndall, National Gallery. 1. "Roman lamps" by Patsy Variags, 11.30; "The Phoenicians" by Kenneth Whitehorn, 1.15, British Museum, Great Russell Street. Concert: The Cecilian Ensemble, Waterlow Park, Highgate Hill, No. 7.30, Dog Show: Crufts Championship Show, first day: utility, working and toy dogs, Earls Court, 8.30-8.
Talks: "Child's Bank" by Miss R. Ashbee, St Margaret Pattens, St Margaret's Historical Society, 1.10.

Lunchtime music: Organ recital by Robert Munns. St Paul's Cathedral, 12.30; Christine Bunning, soprano, Guildhall School of Music and Drama, 1.10: Singers' workshop. St Mary Woolnorth, 1.10: Piago recital by Rose Cholmondeley. St Martin within-Ludgate, 1.15.

Correction

The appointment of Professor A. K. Sen as Drummond Pro-fessor of Political Economy, and ressor of Political Economy, and the award of the Eldon Law Scholarship to P. J. Walker, Magdalen College, reported yesterday, should have appeared under Oxford elections and appointments, not Cambridge. The award of an organ scholarship to I. M. Birch, Cheltenham Ladies' College, should have appeared under the should have appeared under the beading of St Hugh's College, not

Science report

Medicine: Ethics in geriatric units

there stayed as long as 10 years, but ethical difficulties arose only in the terminal stages. At that time, some of the patients began to refuse spoon-feeding, either spirting out the food or refusing to swallow it.

Typically, the report says, such patients seemed also no longer When elderly gerlatric patients become unable to take food by mouth their doctors should let them die peacefully, rather than giving fluids and nutrition into a vein or through a stomach tube. In such circumstances patients die apparently without thirst, hungar or pain, according to a report in the British Medical Journal today. Doctors at Lund University, Sweden, and a university theologian, Professor Goran Bexell, reached those conclusions after a

patients seemed also no longer capable of speech, and so were unable to explain why they re-fused food and drink. Doctors at Lund University,
Sweden, and a university theologian, Professor Goran Bexell,
reached those conclusions after a
study of patients in a long-stay
gartatric unit at St Lars Hospital.
Some of the patients admitted

> The Hilliard miniature. beneficiaries of the estate of A. C.

Ward-Boughton-Leigh.
That is something which pur-chasers tend to find romantic and

pay over the odds for. Sotheby's suggest the miniature may sell between £60,000 and £80,000. The

highest price recorded at auction for a Hilliard miniature is £64,000.

1574 miniature for sale

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent
The finest miniature painting by
Nicholas Hilliard to appear on
the market for the past 20 years
is to be offered at Sotheby's on
March 24. Hilliard was the great
limnery of the Elizabethan court
and perhaps the first British
painter of outstanding personal
distinction.

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The miniature portrait to be offered on March 24 was painted in 1574: It depicts an attractive roung bride. Jane Boughton, nee Coningsby, at the age of 21 and belongs to Hilliard's first period lane, with her authorn haur

belongs to Hilliard's first period Jane, with her auburn har tightly waved, is shown in head and shoulders; the miniature is circular and measures 4.2cms secross. The painting is on vellum and she is mounted in a stained ivory frame.

Many Hilliard miniatures of Queen Elizabeth and King James have survived, fairly mechanical repetitions of Court portraits; but only one version of this por-

but only one version of this por-trait is known. The painting is in almost perfect condition. It has been sent for sale by descendants of the sitter, the

patient (and for the relatives), rather than to henefit the patient. A conflict arises between the attendant's belief in a duty to keep the patient alive and a duty not to prolong suffering. Patients admitted to long-stay Patients admitted to long-stay geriatric units ar: waiting to die, the report concludes; to deny the biological reality of approaching death renders the relationship between patients and their medical attendants paradoxical, inducing unslety and jeopardizing the quality of their emotional contact. British Medical Journal, February, 9, page 377.

Bishop Runcie elected at crypt ceremony in Canterbury

By Clifford Langley Religious Affairs

In a secret ceremony in the Norman crypt of Canterbury Cathedral yesterday the Bishop of St Albans, the Right Rev Robert Runcie, was elected unanimously by the Dean and Chapter to be the next Archbishop of Canterbury. His was the only nomination addressed to the accombined tion, addressed to the assembled dignatories in a letter signed by Although Bishop Runcle's ap-

Although Bishop Runcle's appointment has long been known, and the possibility of the Dean and Chapter rejecting his name was exceedingly remote, yesterday's ceremony was the first formal legal step in the process of installing him in office.

If his name had failed to receive a majority of votes cast, a com-

a majority of votes cast, a com-plex legal wrestling match would Archbishop of Camerbury has to

have cusued between Church and be confirmed at a ceremony in St State, entering into areas of law which have never been tested; but February 25, from which date he

which have never been tested; but this fact alone gave the election rather more than a purely symbolic interest.

The Dean of Canterbury, the Very Rev Victor de Waal, said afterwards that the result "signified to the new archbishop the clear moral support and welcome of the cathedral and diocese".

Even though the penalties have long been abolished, a refusal to elect the Queen's nominee would apparently have constituted the crime of praemunite, a medieval.

apparently have constituted the crime of praemunire, a medieval offence which was traditionally punished by banishment and dispossession. It appears to be the case that the Attorney General could still seek a High Court order against a wayward Chapter, obliging them to do as they were bidden on pain of contempt.

Bishop Runcle's election as

nkes office. He was not present at Canterbury yesterday; he is visiona America. The Dean formally reported and sealed the result of the election

yesterday in letters addressed to the Queen and the archbishop-

designate.

The ceremony dates from before the Reformation, when the Dean and Chapter had greater freedom to elect their new archbishop, subject to the Pope's approval. Bishop Runcie's selection had already involved the dignitaries of the cathedral through the informal processes of consultation which preceded the deliberations of the Crown Appointments Commission, and had he been obviously unacceptable to the Chapter it is almost inconceivable that he would have been appointed.

Scaling down of duties advocated By Our Religious Affairs

By Our Religious Affairs
Correspondent
Some scaling down of the duties
of an Archbishop of Cauterbury
to relieve the pressure on the
holder of the office is called for
in a preface to the new edition of
the Church of England Year
Book, released today.

The preface, published with
official authority as the Year Book
is a General Synod publication, is
an anonymous comment on the
state of the Church of England at
the close of the reign of one arch-

the close of the reign of one arch-bishop and the start of another. The role of the Archbishop of Conterbury, it says, ought to be dehated by the General Synod itself.
"There seems to be general agreement that the burden should

HM Government
Mr Richard Luce, Parliamentary
Under-Secretary of State for
Foreign and Commonwealth
Affairs, was host at a luncheon
held at I Carlton Gardens, yesterday, in honour of Mr Bernard
Loustau-Lalanne, Seychelles High
Commissioner.

Machelor
Mr Eric Morecambe yesterday
accepted on behalf of St Bartholomew's Hospital, a cheque from the Imperial Society of Knights

Bachelor. The presentation was made by Sir John Howard, hon-orary treasurer of the society. Among the guests at a luncheon held afterwards at the hospital

were:

5" Gilbort Ingelfied, Sir Arthur Driver,
Sir Eric and Lady Chendle, Mrs Eric
Morecambe, Professor D. A. Willoughthy, Professor W. G. Soccior, Tr.
E. C. Hushisson, Mr R. F. Michab
Jones, Miss N. Esterzon, Mr D. F.
Jones and Mr A. Mowan,

Alderman Brown
A luncheon was given yesterday
by Alderman Michael Brown to
mark his installation as High
Sheriff of the City of Belfast.
Among those present were: The
Recorder of Belfast, Mr Justice
Brown, Mr Hugh Rossi, MP, and
Mr Jack Hermon, Chief Constable.

Aberdeen University Air Squadron

Aberdeen University Air Squadron held a commemoration dinner at the university last right. The guest of honour was Air Vice-Marshal P. A. Latham. Among the guests were the Vice-Principal of Aberdeen University, the Air Officer Commanding and Com-

of Aberdeen University, the Air Officer Commanding and Commandant of the RAF College Crapwell and the Air Officer Scotland and Northern Ireland. The Commanding Officer, Secretary Leader M. Phillips

Building Centre Trust
The president, Mr Aiev Gordon
assisted by Mr Howard Lobb,
vice-president, and the governors
of the Building Centre Trust were
hosts at a dinner held at the
Building Centre last night. The
gulests were:
Sir John Garlick, Sir James Richards,
Sir David Woodbine Parish, Professor
liver Smith, Professor E, Hampold, Or
lann Danstan, Mr Noll Marphy, Mr
Lesit: Fairweather, Mr Anthony BresiJones, Sir H. Fanlinge-Brown, Mr H. P.
Johnston and Mr P. J. H. Telling.

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Imperial Society of Knights

Luncheons

be reduced", it says. "Most people seem to agree that there is no single nostrum—that what is needed is a general stripping of the office of the Archbishop of Camerbury of inessential accretions." Among possibles remedies, the

Among possibles remedies, the preface suggests that the such diocese of Canterbury could be reduced in size and administered by area bishops under the archishop's general supervision. The Church of England ought to cut down its demands on the archibishop's time, with invitations to public operagements and carriers. public engagements and services, and the archbishop himself " must harden his heart " against no many eugagements, The burden of central church work on himshould also be reduced, and he

should be given an adequate staff at Lambeth Palace to help him.
The appointment of the Bishop
of Sr Albans, the Right Rev Robert of St Albans, the Right Rev Robert Runcie. as the next 'archbishop had been greeted with general acclaim, the preface remarks, and the Runcie family handled their sudden fame "with remarkable grace and unfailing good humour".

"Theu, and since", it adds, "there has been an air of crace.

"Then, and since", it adds,
"there has been an air of expectancy as though Kennedy was preparing to succeed Eisenhower. It is the kind of expectancy which is aroused when one generation succeeds another." Without intending disrespect to his predecessor, it says, the new archbishop is "a man of the post-war world and the post-war church".



Song for charity: Sir Geoffrey Howe, OC, Chancellor of the Exchequer, outside St Margaret's, Westminster with his daughter, Caroline, who will sing in a celebrity charity concert for muscular dystrophy next Tuesday.

University news

Association of County Councils
Sir Gervas Walker, Chairman of
the Executive Council of the
Association of County Councils,
gave a dinner party last night at
St Ermin's Hotel in honour of
Mir Mark Carlisle, QC, Secretary
of State for Education and Science,
Among those present were:
Paroness Young, Str Lames Hamilton,
Sir John Gragoon, Mr Neil MacFarLine, MP, Mr J. R. Horrell, Mr J. A.
Lawton and Mr P. D. Merridaia. Datord
MANSFIELD COLLEGE. Open exhibi-tions in geography G. A. Alasworth, Rice-Coat School, Liverpool; 7. Geogle-man, Litham College.

Aberdeen

Appointments
Research fellows: M. Renward, Bae
1178A31, Pid Astent, bacteriology,
D. M. Crawford, BSc 'Lond's, Mac Lond', child and metall braitin B.
Howard, BSc 'Abred', MSc (Abred),
Pid (Abred), Childian Braining Centre,
Dr William Mordue, DSc, has
been appointed to the Chair of
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Latest wills

Larest estates include (net, before tax paid : tax not disclosed): Messenger, Mr Jack Courtness, of Alton, Hampshire £215,014 Nutter, Gertrude Mary, of Went-worth, near Rotherham, Yorkshire

Olivier, Mr Maurice Gaston, of Paris, France, shipbroker 5212,910 Osborn, Mr George Robson, of Teddington, Middlesex . . 5158,148 Secley, Mr Edward Alexander, of Kensington, London, pres, of Industrial Tribuosis ... £127,604 Walsh, Mr Wilfrid Stanley, of Blackburn ... 2288,939
Young Miss Norah Mary, of Hart-field, Sussex ... £246,912 cost of its new development plan.

Westminster prep school to double size

By Our Education Gurrespondent The governors of Westminster School, London, agreed yesterday to go ahead with plans to more than double the number of pupils in its preparatory school, and to move the school into the former Grosvenor Hospital In Vincent Square. The move is believed to be costing about \$500,000.

The governors have applied for planning permission to convert the hospital, which is next to the semor school's playing field, for school use. It is hoped that this will enable it to increase the pre-paratory school's size from 120 to 280 within the aext two years, and to admit boys direct from main-mined primary schools at the age of 10 or 11.

of 10 or 11.

At present, boys normally join the preparatory school at 8 and the senior school at 13. Annual fees at the prenaratory school, which takes only day boys, are £1,050, and at the senior school, £1,650 for day boys, and £2,650 for barders. The governors have decided to

Memorial service

A memorial service for Vice-Admiral Sir Norman Denning was held at St Martin-in-the-Fields yesterday. The Rev Austen Williams officiated, assisted by the Ven B. A. O'Ferrall, Chaplain of the Fleet. Lord Denning (brother) reed the lesson, Lieutenant-Commander Peter Kemp gave an mander Peter Semp gave an address and Lieutenant-General Sir Reginald Denning (brother) read from The Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyan. Among those present were:

Jad3 Denning (widow), Mr James
Denning (50m.) Mr and Mrs Michael
Streitigh-Hall (30m-in-law and
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tagistiff, Mrs John Denning and
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Philip Kins A. Denny, Mr and Mrs
Finith Kins (regulate)
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Gray, Professor F. H. Hinsley, MalorGeneral James Johnston, Mrs P. Kenn,
Captain F. Ashe Lincoln, GC treptesenting RNB Officers' Club., MajorGeneral R. E. Lloyd inhelligence
Corps: and Mrs Linyd.

Rear-Admiral and Mrs P. W.
Grooting, Rear-Admiral A. S. Topel,
Captain P. J. D. Northay, Commander
and Mrs H. W. Acworth, Rear-Admiral
W. W. H. Ash. Srigadier D. T. Bastin,
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Pierrepont School) with Mr and Mrs
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F. Edwards, Mr and Mrs John Godder,
Rear-Admiral J. McReath, Dr R. J. B.
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Gerenwich: Captain U.-R. G. Sannders
Royal Benewicht Schoeler: Liptain G. B.
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Windsor Clark, vice-rial from
Petence, Press and Breadcasting Compolities.
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Detener. Press and Broadcasting Conmilitee.
Licutemani Commander S. Godiey
Hatkiney Unit Sea Cadem. District
Sea Cadet Corps. Mr. Don Horobin
1771. Commander Charics Over
Scover Linery, Savingsi and Mr.
Over, Cletain David Rae twoodstock
Shipping Commander, Cammanda Mirshall.
Commander M. Afole, Mr. and
Herbins. Captain J. Bilson, Captain
J. N. Rishops Major-General and Mrs.
P. Blum, Lieutenant-Commander L. H.
Tilsley. Captain K. D. E. Wilcocksen.
Captain and Mrs. D. A. Wilsof. Restr.
Admiral K. H. Farthill. Mr. and Mrs.
B. Forster. Commander P. J. H. Hoore.
Mrs. Mr. Hoover. Rear-Admiral
and Mrs. M. Gless, Leutenant
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C. Walks-Walker.

Personal Services. Air Ministry, 1952-56, died on January 31 at

OBITUARY

CAMARA LAYE Leading African novelist

French-language African novelist died in Senegal on Feb. ruary 4. He was 52. Laye was in exile from Guinea and had been given refuge in Senegal since 1965 by President Sen-ghor, himself a noted French language African writer and

poet. Lave was perhaps the most substantial of African novelists writing in French; and though his work was totally devoid of overt black nationalist commitment, so devoid indeed that his world, but with the mysterious African past and its weakening power over the African contemporary consciousness. Camara Laye was born in

Couroussa in what was then French Guinez, the son of parents of the Malinke tribe in an area largely untouched by French colonialism. His ather was a goldsmith, a craft traditionally associated with magic, and his mother was also said to possess megical powers. Laye's earliest memories were of his father mouning incanta-tions to the spirits of sir, fire and gold, and his sensibility developed in an ethos domina-ted by tribal arimism.

From this environment Lave went on to gain a French education. He went to school first locally and then in the capital, where he trained as an engineer at the technical college. After graduating he left for Paris where he worked for a time in the Simca factory. By now a man educated to a considerable standard in the formal French manuer in began to feel its iso-lation from his African back-ground, an isolation which he explored in the traditional 1968.

Camara Lave, a leading French prose in which he had been trained. This produced his first novel L'Enfant noir (1953), translated as The Dark Child

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(1955). A frankly autobiographical novel L'Enfant noir recalled with almost anthropological exactness, but with the African insight depied to white antiro-pologists, his childhood in the rain forests of equatorial Africa: its crecodile intested rivers in which his mother could bathe unhurt because of her guardian totem; the tribal initiation ceremonies so fearsome to a young first novel was castigated as boy; and the sense of a present colonialist by nationalist Africans, he remained at heart the most profoundly African of them. His novels dealt not with the aspirations of Africans in the colonial and post-colonial calculated to reinforce the presently but with the mysterious. judices of colonial overlords, but in fact it was a potent lament for a vanishing past, a way of life increasingly thrown out of balance by westerniza-

> His second novel, Le Regard His second novel, Le Regard du Roi, appeared in 1954 and was translated as The Radiance of the King in 1956. More complex than its predecessor Le Regard du Roi showed the influence of Kafka but was not submerged under it. A take of a white man rejected by his white man rejected by his society, who seeks a road to peace and knowledge through the squalor of enslavement in an African caravanseral it triumphantly survived translation from the soil of Africa into

the French language.
In his later years Laye wrote little. In 1955 he returned to Guinea and after the country's independence entered politics and held some posts of responsi-bility. But his differences with the authorities eventually compelled him to leave Gumoa for Senegal where he had worked

tionships as essential in re-establishing lost self-esteem, without which nothing pet manent could be achieved.

As the warden of the Berns

Hostel for seriously disturbed evacuees (1941-45) and at

Bodenham Menor, a pioneer residential special school for

meladjusted children, he devel-oped his philosophy and method of caring, and to Wills

MR DAVID WILLS

Mr W. David Wills, who died essential difference between on February 2 at the age of 76, the delinquent and the maladpioneered new methods of justed child "beyond the techcaring for the deprived, disturbed and definquent throughout this century from the
moment in 1922 when, as a
"brother" in a punitively necessarily had that experi-"brother" in a punitively necessarily had that experi-orientated Farm Training ience. With both he saw un-Colony he came to realize that "short sharpe shocks" were no short sharpe shocks" were no Colony he came to realize that "short sharpe shocks" were no substitute for life-long love. His first experiment in alternative methods was in the foundation methods was in the foundation of the Hawkspur Camp in 1936; which cambined shared responsibility with intensive caring environment within a psychotherapeuc model (cf. The Hawkspr Experiment 1941). His las experiment was at Reyold House, ta hostel for meldjusted and delinquent woring youths (1963-19468).

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abor young Offenders (1964)

care always meant caritas —
personal love, rather than impersonal charity (cf The Barns
Experiment, 1945; Turow Away working youths (1995) which sought to the Roman of the Coupts and methods which he coupts and methods which he had ioneered and also of the Hour Lane Trust (1964), which endwoured to further the non-punity treatment of delinguisted workers in the Association of the Association of Workers for Maladjusted Lon (1964) was an apprecia-tion of one of the earliest piorers in this field. He was a Cincil Member of NACRO and e author of Commonsense

Children.
When he resigned from full time work in 199 59 the AWMC recognized his achievements by the establishment of an annual David Wills Lecture, griven in London by someone emineuret in the care and treatment of delatured children. In 1964 his turbed children. In 1964 his turbed children. and his last published work was a contribution to Six Quars look at Crime and Puniment (1979).

To Wills there was no work was acknowledged with.

MR A. J. B. KIDDELL aquestrian

A Crespondent writes:
Finearly sixty years activity. F nearly sixty years Jim Kidell, who died on February interest in animals and heredity extended even to hens-he won the supreme national awards for breeding Black Legborns 5, orked for Sotheby's and piayi an important role in from 1934 to 1938.) brining the firm to promin-After demobilization ence Blessed with an unusual seru of order, a superb eye joined the Ministry of Pensions. It was from there that Sir and a truly phenomenal merry, he acquired a very wid ranging knowledge Montague Barlow, then the Chairman, invited him to join wid ranging knowledge of wus of art. His opinions were south by a multitude of collects—particularly in the ties of Oriental and European Sorheby's as " works manager" in April 1921. But it was not long before he was pirchforked then porcelain, antiquities, primitive art, furniture, carpets and decorative arts of all kinds. His research into cataloguing—first glass, certaics, and glass-and he helpd to form some of the all kinds. His researches into much of what he handled and distinguished collections s time. He was an outstandinguctioneer, and his absolute interity and infectious enthusihis friendship with many leading museum specialists led to a knowledge that was often ahead of its time and he took an active role in the formation of the Oriental Ceramic Society in 1922, the English Ceramic Circle (of which he was president) asm helped to create an endmous number of friend-shis with buyers, both private and professional. He could

Circle (of which he was president from 1957 to 1974) in 1927 and the Glass Circle in 1937. He devoted much time and effort to helping refugees from Nazi Germany in the late 1930s, and played a major part in and played a major part in keeping soles going at Sotheby's during the Second World War. He became a director of the firm in 1947. He was unusually generous in passing on his knowledge to others and trained many of the young entranes to Bond Street in the 1950s and 1960s. His "Black Museum" of fakes and forgeries was the subject of a geries was the subject of & number of press articles and television programmes.

His marriage to Audrey Schofield in 1922 was a particularly happy one until her death in feeed to a Canadian cavalry field reiment and this started an happy adding devotion to all forms of 1963.

MRS HANNA ROVINA

and professional. He could new bear to retire in the usul sense and continued to cont up to his Bond Street offe punctually at 8.30 each moling until last year.

It was born in 1895 and spet his early childhood in Ind., where his father was guadian and tutor to the young Marraja of Morbanjh. He was at thool in England for only

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thre years before volunteer-ing for The Rifle Brigade in

191 He spent almost the ende First World War on the

llo the camaraderie and his frouent narrow escapes from

deth made a searing impres-sic on him which he could neer forget. At his older

brither's request he was trans-

Mrs Hanna Rovina, one of c creators of the Hebrownguage Theatre, died on Febdary 2 at the age of 90. A udent of Stanislavsky, she ined in founding the Habina heatre Group in her native ussia in 1918. The troupe, hich moved to Tel Aviv in 931 after successful tours of Europe and America, estab-ished the Hebrew drama and made important contributions to the arts and language of the ewish state.

Air Commodore Bernard Leslie Blofeld, CEE, Director of

MR HUGH WATT Mr Hugh Watt, PC, who was

Deputy Prime Minister of New Zealand from 1972 to 1974, died on February 4. He was 67. Watt, became Deputy Prime Minister to Mr Norman Kirk when the Labour Party won the elections of that year but when the latter died in Office in 1974 his own bid for the premiership was not successful, Mr Wallace Rowling becoming the new-Prime Minister. From 1975 to 1976 Kirk was High Commis-sioner for New Zealand in London.

Mr Justas Paleckis, the first Prime Minister of the Baltic republic of Lithuania under Soviet rule, has died at the age of 81, Tass, the Soviet news agency reported today .

Mrs R. Grenfell

Memorial service

William and Mrs Waldegravo, Lady Sarsh Wright, Lady Jane Mackintosh, the Hon John and Lady Effeabeth Dewar, Mr Jack and Lady Anne Boles.

Chinese silk robe sold It is roughly 11 feet high. It is constructed in oak and walnut

Phillips yesterday sold a nine-teenth Century Chinese oronge silk robe for £820 (estimate £500). Clothes are difficult to display and are thus rarely of much value. even if they have notable historic interest. This example owes its value to elaborate embroidery. It is worked in coloured silk and gold thread with five of the Twelve Terrestrial Branches, Buddhist and cosmic symbols. It is bordered in embroidered black silk and has horseshoe cuffs.

while Bonham's has been frequently selling Queen Victoria's underclothes, Phillips yesterday showed their competitive edge by offering a chemise with Valenciennes and torchon lace trim and the initials of Queen Alexandra, surmounted by a crown. The chemise realized 542 (estimate 525-535). The textile sale totalled £18,800 with 8 per cent unsold. The curiosity of Bonham's furniture sale was a vast Victorian chimney piece which sold for £2,100 (estimate £1,500 to £2,000).

Sir Paul and Lady Wright, Lady Wont-ney, Dance Diana Reader Harris, Sir John and Lady Peel, Sir Nigot Fisher, MP, and Lady Fisher. Sir Eugene Melville, Colonel R, and Lady Margaret

And Mrs Rosalter.

Mrs James de Rotherhid. 'Ir and
Mrs Robin Ray. Mr Douglas Scotte
(North Islandion Nurvery Schools and
Mrs Scotte. Mrs and Mrs L. Price. Mrs
Anthony Quayle. Mrs M. Rose. Mr H.
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Bernard Levin. Mr P. D. Tilhendee.
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Mr Sharkelton.
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with barley-sugar columns either side of the fire supporting a relief of strolling players; above that is a relief of the Last Supper. Bonham's cautiously point out that "some components" are " some componer seventeentit century. Sotheby's resterday gave me details of their west country reorganization. Sotheby Humbert's in Taunton is to be a specialist saleroom handling sales of oak furniture, books and pictures. All the administrative side is being moved from Taunton to Sothaby.

moved from Taunton to Sotheby Bearne in Torquay. From New York yesterday Phillips announced their bigges

property sale to date. It is on behalf of the bankrupt art gallery Stephen Straw and for Air Stephen Straw himself. The property in-cludes some superb American paintings. Harnett still-lives. Winslow Homer watercolours and

a major, oil by the rare and accentric painter John Quidor (1801-1831). The property is said to be worth more than a million dollars. Meivide. Colonel R. and Lady Margaret Apydoction.

Mr and the Hon virs Peter William-Powieti. the Mayur and Masures of Kensington and Cacisea. the Rev Joseph and Mrs McCallight, Mr Leonard Will. Mr A. Marwell, Mr Leonard Will. Mr A. Marwell, Mr Leonard Mall. Mr A. Marwell, Mr P. A. Marwell, Mr P. A. Marwell, Mr P. A. Marwell, Mr J. Montellie, Mr P. A. Megretti, Mrs. S. Montellie, Mr P. A. Megretti, Mrs. S. Montellie, Mr P. A. Merretti, Mrs. S. Honkellie, Mr P. A. Barnec, Mr Jann. Mrs. Routler, Mrs. J. A. Brance, Mr Inn. G. Hall Mallonal Association of Educational Advisors and the Avon Lateracy Tuffers, Mrs. L. H. Grae, Mrs. E. M. E. Okicy, Mr Markus Oliver, Mr John Page, Mr Lewise A. Perowne, Mr John Page, Mr Lewise A. Perowne, Mr John Page, Mr Lewise A. Rossiter (Gallery Fage Mighters Club) and Mrs. Rossiter.

Nrs K. Hutchms. Mr Lon Hunter, the Rev Douglas Gabts, Miss Freda Gage, Mr R. Garson. Mrs M. Gilbert, Mrs G. Gale, Mrs H. Evans, Mr W. Evans, Mr Gall, Mrs J. F. Gameton. Squadron Leader J. V. Garder, Mrs G. Charles, Mrs Garder, Mrs G. Charles, Mrs G. Charles, Mrs Garder, Mrs G. Charles, Mrs G. Charles, Mrs Garder, Mrs Gamber, Mrs G. Garder, Mrs Gamber, Mrs G. Garder, Mrs Gamber, Mrs G. Garder, Mrs Garder, Mrs Gamber, Mrs Garder, Mrs Gamber, Mrs Garder, Mrs Gard

Vice-Admiral Sir Norman Denning

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Stock markets FT Index 462.9 up 7.0 FT Gilts 66.05 up 0.57

- Sterling \$2.3000 down 1.25 cents
- Index 72.9 down 0.1 Dollar
- Index 84.9 unchanged
- Gold
- \$697.5 down \$20
- Money B mth sterling 174 to 17c 3 min Euro \$ 141 to 141 6 mth Euro \$ 141 to 141

IN BRIEF

Car production up

Passenger cars produced in Britain during January totalled 98,000, an increase of 6 per cent, while commercial vehi-cles rose by nearly 9 per cent. Since August there has been a steady rise in output from both the passenger and the commer-cial sectors.

More fire damage

Fire demage in England, Scotland and Wales rose to £355.3m last year, compared with £309.3m in 1978, according to latest estimates from the British Insurance Association.

Lourho sale settled

Final details for the sale of Gulf Fisheries' 19 per cent stake in Lourho to Mr Greham Lecey were believed to have been resolved yesterday. But Shaikh Nasser will consider them before any official announcement is made, which will probably be early next

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China to seek \$20,000m China will borrow more than \$20,000m (£8,700m) on the international capital markets be-tween now and 1985, according tween now and 1985, according to Mr Yang Bo, vice chairman of the state planning commission. The Bank of China in London and Luxembourg will borrow direct from foreign banks and may also float loans on capital markets.

Labour amendments

The Labour Party has tabled a series of about 50 amendments to the Companies Bill, including revisions to the clauses on insider dealing, industrial demo-cracy and holding companies' liability for their subsidiaries.

Spain finds oil

Spain has found oil off its north-western coast but it is not yet known whether the deposit is exploitable, says a spokesman for Shell Espana SA. The find, about 31 kilometres north of Gijon, was the third in the area.

More Meccano talks

The union negotiating team from the Meccano toy plant on the Edge Hill industrial estate at Liverpool has left for Lon-don for another meeting with the board of Airfix Industries, the parent company. Hard ne-gotiating on a final settlement is expected.

Venezuela plans cut

Venezuela plans to cut its 2.2 willion barrels a day oil output to about one milkion barrels a day in the long term, Senor Eurique Tejera Paris, the Venezuelan socialist leader said in an interview in Vienne.

Union rejects offer

Trade union negotiators representing more than 1 million metalworkers in the West German state of North Rhine-Westphalia have rejected a 6.8 per cent pay offer an employers association spokes man said in Gelsenkirchen. He said the umon demands wage increases of 9.6 per cent.

Hedderwick Stirling

Stockbrokers Hedderwick Stirling Grumbar have asked us to make it clear that Mr Colin Franklin, the firm's man-aging director, is retiring and has not resigned from the firm. Heddewick said that Mr Frank-lin " lin "continues to enjoy the respect of everybody in this firm both for his ability and integrity".

to impose quota restrictions on **US** fibre exports

Employment in the carpet in-

dustry over the past three years has also fallen from 35,600 to around 30,000.

The minister recognizes that concern has also been expressed

by producers of downstream products (household textiles,

for restricting these imports. These would be monitored care-

level of quotas was given although it is understood that

they will cut back American imports from the levels achieved

last year. Herr Wilhelm Haferkamp,

plant of Courtaulds in Northern

The BTC is disappointed that the United Kingdom has not asked for action on a number

of synthetic products where it feels action is required. It is

also disappointed that no announcement on base levels

for import quotes has been

Consolidated Gold Fields' 50,000 shareholders still do not know who has been buying

know who has been buying company's shares heavily, but pressure on the holder to reveal his identity is building up. Dealings in the shares slackened yesterday, and the price closed 5p down at 503p.

The more shares the purchaser acquires, the closer he comes to the 30 per cont limit at which, under Takeover Panel rules, the same offer has to be made to all shareholders. Meanwhile, intensive inquiries all over the world, not least by the company itself, are beginning to build up a picture. City sources are impressed

City sources are impressed by the secrecy and skill with which shares are being bought.

It is generally accepted that the lobbers are Akroyd and Smithers, though they have refused to confirm or deny this.

It is also understood that

It is also understood that towards the end of last year, a representative of Akroyds paid a wisk to South Africa. The names of Davis, Borkum, Hare, a firm of South African jobbers, and Max Pollak, a Johannesburg stock broker, have been mentioned as buyers of Gold Fields stock. Their client could be Mr Anton Rupert, who controls the Rembrant group.

Rembrant group. But the feeling in the City

name of Consolidated

Gold shares buyer

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By Michael Prest

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Britain asks EEC

Britain has applied to the European Commission to impose temporary quotas on imports of man made textiles in a long awaited move to thwart the flood of low cost goods from the United States. The application, which is ex-pected to be dealt with in five

days, covers polyester filament yarn, nylon carpet yarn and tusted carpets of man made fibres.

fibres.

Announcing the move yesterday, Mr John Nott, Secretary of State for Trade, said he did not believe that it would provoke retaliation by the United States.

Mr Nort said that the quotas provided a breathing energe for

provided a breathing space for Britain's hard pressed man made fibres and carpet industries. He hoped that at the end of it British industry would be sufficiently efficient to com-pete with the Americans.

Action is being sought under article 19 of the GATT. Only once previously has this been used by Britain with European Community agreement. That was in 1977 to limit Imports of portable black and white television sets from South Korea.

Mr Nott pointed out that the United States had itself invoked Article 19 on nine occasions in the past decade.

President Carter had himself indicated that he intended to "Coutrol aggressively any import surges from any country causing disruption of the American textiles market American textiles market whether from one source or many, under agreement or

However, the argued that duel energy pricing had enabled United States import penetration to soar. In the case of polyester filament yarn pene-tration climbed from 7.1 per cent to more than 25 per cent

Such rises have caused serious damage to British industry. Employment in the man made fibres sector fell between 1976 and 1979 from 35,000 to 27,500, and in recent months several thousand more redundancies have been announced by manu-

at IMF gold

West German institutions

made a clean sweep of the

International Monetary Fund's

bullion auction yesterday, buy-

ing all 444,000 troy ounces of

gold placed on sale and paying

The builion sold from \$711.99

(about £310) an ounce to \$718.01 with the average price

at \$712.12. The Fund has never

before sold gold at such a high level, with the previous highest price, \$562.85, at the January

Bids for 1.9m ounces were received. The successful bidders

were the Degussa Company
of Frankfurt, the Deutsche
Genossenschaft Bank of Frankfurt, the Dresdner Bank of
Frankfurt and Dresdners subsidiaries based in Luxembourg

Prices in the markets today. were below those registered at the sale, and the still substan-

the sale, and the still substantial movements reflect continuing uncertainties. "This is a war and peace market", Mr James Sinclair, a New York trader,

said. Fears of worldwide poli-

tical tensions were boosting the

The receipts from the auctions above the old official price of \$35 an ounce of into a

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and Singapore.

price, he said.

Washington, Feb 7

GEC ready to challenge fresh bid by Racal

By Andrew Goodrick-Clarke

The takeover battle for Decca

Racal had taken three days to come back with its response to GEC's surprise counterbid of £82.5m in cash. In doing so it increased its all-equity offer for Decca from £65m to £93m with the Racal share price at 217p. But Racal matched GEC's cash knitted and woven fabrics) sales of which have also been disrupted. However, Mr Nott decided that there was not at present a case under the GATT

sconomic relations committee, Herr Haferkap will visit an ICI fibres plant in Pontypool and then fly on to the Carrickfergus

Later in Belfast he will meet leaders of the man made fibres industry, which employs more than 6,000 people in Northern Ireland. He has been invited to Britain by the Man Made Fibres Producers Committee. The industry's reaction to the announcement was mixed. The Bridsh Textile Confederation welcomed the Government's initiative to curb cheap United States imports but added that it was looking for a "rapid and positive" response by the Commission to the United Kingdom Government's request for

> Racal also senses that some parts of the Decca workforce might prefer Racal to GEC. Mr Harrison went out of his way yesterday to reject ideas that

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is that whoover is dealing in the markets probably does not know the identity of the final, beneficial purchaser. When General Mining, the powerful Afrikanner mining house hases

Afrikaaner mining house, began

in 1974 to accumulate a stake

but according to one partici-pant, did not know who the

If one buyer, or a closely-

knit group, has already paid up to £100m for their stake, there

is a possibility in the City view that they will pause before mov-ing back into the market. That

certainly has been the pattern

Any more buying, however

could push the price up even further. Sellers, particularly big

shareholders, may prefer to wait until the price reaches

wait until the price reaches 650p or even 700p. At that level, Gold Fields would be valued at over £1,000m. 'But high prices could tempt the smaller shareholders, who are overwhelmingly in the majority, to sell. The largest shareholder is thought to be

less than 2 per cent. Stock-brokers and mining analysts

think we are going to hear a lot more about Gold Fields.

the Prudential, but even

since October.

intensified yesterday. The stock market had hardly had time to digest Racal's new £93m bid when GEC announced that it would return to the fray this morning with an increased offer.
Racal had taken three days

offer exactly, a commitment it would meet from internal funds would meet from internal funds and borrowings if it had to.

Last night GEC issued a short statement saying that it would make an increased offer this morning. It is expected at least to match Racal's equity terms with cash, something which it can well afford to do given its substantial funds, and thus force Racal to arrange an underwriting operation for its shares if it wish to go further Meanwhile, both bidders seem to be maintaining each other in market buying of Decca shares With Racal's new offer on the table Decca's ordinary shares gained 15p to 550p, al though the "A" non-voting shares fell 2p to 417p. In both

the commissioner responsible for external relations, will today see at first band the effect on British industry of the imports Accompanied by Sir Fred Catherwood, chairman of the European Parliament's external shares fell 2p to 417p. In both cases this is some way short of Racal's best terms, though there remains a nagging doubt ever whether the whole situation will

whether the whole situation will be referred to the Monopolier Commission.

Racal is still carrying the implied support of the Decca board, now under the chairmanship of Mr Graham Maw Racal referred yesterday to the fact that the lete Sir Edward Lewis, who had for years resisted takeover overtures, had finally given his blessing for a bid for Decca to Mr Ernest Harrison, Racal's chairman. A Harrison, Racel's cheirman. A few days later Sir Edward died but the Decca board obviously feels that his wishes should be carried out—but only if Racal can offer Decca shareholder: more than GEC.

if Racai gained Decca "heads would roll".

Deloittes pay £900,000 to settle liquidator's claim but deny negligence on behalf of partners

Deloitte Haskins & Sells have agreed to pay 1900,000 in sertlement of a claim brought against them by the liquidator of London & County Securities, the fringe bank whose collapse in 1973 precipitated the secondary banking crisis.

A writ alleging negligence on the part of London & County's auditors, Harmood Banner (which merged with Deliottes in May 1974) was filed in May 1977. The liquidator claimed \$5.75m, plus interest and costs. Deliottes, who continue to deny Deliottes, who continue to deny negligence on behalf of the purmers of Harmood Banner, estimate that if the case had run its full course it might have taken another six months to settle, and have involved a potential liability of over £10m. The settlement is the second

claim. Last sumer Mann Judd, which has subsequently merged with Touche Ross, agreed to pay a figure, believed to be about 51.8m, in respect of a claim arising our of its services to Barrow Hepburn the leather group. More recently the German arm of Peat Marwick Mitchell, another of the "big eight" accounting firms, bad judgment given against it in eight" accounting firms, had judgment given against it in respect of a £13m claim arising from its advice to a subsidiary of UDS on an acquisition in

mity insurance which the firm, in common with most of the big eight, arranges through

Lloyds.
Deloines say that in agreeing to settle, the partners have taken into account the very heavy costs incurred, and to be incurred if the case went be incurred if the case went on, and the fact that all conon, and the fact that all con-cerned have an interest in dis-posing of a problem which has been outstanding for so long. Mr Stanley Wilkins, deputy senior partner of the firm, said yesterday that the cost had to be measured, not merely in financial terms, but also in the time of the senior people who were tied up on the case. Deloittes said that the settle-ment figures is a small propor-

of UDS on an acquisition in Germany.

Although the partners of Deloittes will have to carry part of the settlement themselves, most of the cost will be covered by professional indemment figures is a small propor-tion of the amount claimed. Mr Langdon, the liquidator,

sured against the actual claim of which about £4.2m reflected a claim for consequential losses which was breaking new legal ground. Even if that claim had been admitted, there was no certainty over the size

was no certainty over the size of the damages that might have been awarded to the claimants.

In addition, he said, the costs of the case were very high, and at best only taxed costs (estimated by the court) would be recovered. He said that, as liquidator, it had been necessary for him to have the award approved by the Companies Court. Approval was given yesterday afternoon. yesterday afternoon.
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Sir Keith lays down tighter controls for BSC finances

By Peter Hill

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New and stricter monitoring
of the British Steel Corporation's finances have been laid
down by Sir Keith Joseph,
Secretary of State for Industry,
for the new financial year
which begins in April.

The BSC, which today reopens negotiations with the
Iron and Steel Trades Confederation over the pay claim
which has led to the strike,
will be required to provide
more detailed information on
its requirements for funds and its requirements for funds and its disbursament of them from

next month onwards.

Terms of the new controls have been outlined by Sir Keith in a memorandum to Sir Charles Villiers, BSC chairman. Under present procedures, the corporation must send a request monthly to the Department of Industry for cash to be set against the cash limit (set next year at £450m). The request is usually made about the middle of each month. From next month, the BSC must submit its estimated cash

requirement for the following month, indicating how much it will need to cover fixed capital investment, working capital and for closures and redundancies. Provided that the level of cash

Provided that the level of cash required falls roughly within the terms of the £450m limit, approval will be given by the end of the mouth involved.

But in mid-May. Sir Keith is asking the corporation to provide details not only of its requirements for the coming month but also a statement on the actual amount of money it has spen on capital investment, working cepital, and re-

department will decide whether adjustments should be made in the allocations for the June-July period.

The tighter monitoring of the

corporation—whose losses in the current year will be well over £400m as a result of the strike—is designed to reinforce the Government's insistence

that public funds should not be used to finance losses
Methods of covering losses have been examined by the corporation in talks with ministers concentrating on the reduction of physical stocks and the disposal of assets.
Originally the Government
was anxious that ar least part
of the proceeds from disposals

should be available to contri-bute to its target of reducing by this means the Public Sector Borrowing Requirement for 1980-81 by 5500m. It has accepted that funds arising from the disposal of assets can be used to cover any operating

loss.

The intention was that in the second half of the next financial year, when the corporation expected to be moving into profit, a proportion of funds derived from disposal of assets would be used to reduce the PSBR. This possibility has now been ruled out.

Steel and car talks

Mr Niydaki Kikuchi, Japan's deputy foreign minister will travel to Washington on Sun-day for talks on bilateral economic issues, including sales ment, working capital, and redundancies in April. On the
in the United States, goverubasis of that information, his ment sources in Tokyo view of the postal operation is

PO expects to reach targets despite £121m fall in half-year profits

Patricia Tisdall Management Correspondent

The Post Office's half-year profits slumped from £170.2m to £49m, the corporation announced vesterday, but it expects a sufficient recovery to meet the Government's financial targets by the end of March. Posts supplied a £12m loss in the six months to the end of September, compared with a £24.2m profit in the corresponding period a year aarlier.

The main cause of the drop in talecommunications' half-year profits from £144.7m to £50m was the prolonged indusnced yesterday, but it expects

tion was the prolonged industrial action which held up telephone billings for much of the relevant period.

Posts, which is a heavily

latour-intensive business with wage costs accounting for more than 80 per cent of total overbeads, had its finances hit by a wage settlement averaging 16 per cent instead of the 5 per cent budgeted for under the past Government's pay policy. Industrial action at computer centres also disrupted the general flow of statistical and financial information and caused a two-month delay in the pub-Much of the interim figures.

Much of the lost ground is expected to be recovered by a combination of tariff increases and an efficiency drive which, it is hoped, will lop about £10m off postal costs. The Post Office

said yesterday that each of its three businesses expects to achieve profits close to the Government's financial targets by the end of March but are unlikely to match the 5375.1m

being carried out in preparation for the splitting of the cor-poration. The Post Office's views on the necessary legisla-tion are due to be submitted to the Department of Industry by April. However, Sir William Barlow, the chairman, has already said that big changes may be needed if the service is not to become too expensive.

At a local level, postal managers are aiming for improvements which, it is hoped, will save £10m in the current financial year without affecting quality of service and also achieve more efficient was af achieve more efficient use of staff.

A more general economy measure is the gradual phasing out of postal orders by replacing them with other methods of money transmission. Rising operating costs of the postal order service are expected to lead to its making a £2m loss in the current financial year, although National Girobank as although National Girobank as a whole is expected to increase its profits from the £4.6m reported last year. During the six months to the end of September, Giro's profits went up from £1.5m to £2.2m.

The interim results formed the main item on the agenda of the first meeting of the corporation's newly-formed execu tive boards last month. The boards, whose chairmen have yet to be announced, have been set up in expectation of the split of telecommunications from the rest of the Post Office.
The main corporation board
will remain until after the
legislation, expected to be
introduced in the next financial year, has been enacted.

The German experience,

Banks concerned by new exchange guidelines

By Ronald Pullen

Banking Correspondent Concern is being expressed by some banks in the City that the proposed new guidelines from the Bank of England

in Union Corporation, which it eventually took over completely, some of the shares were bought through New York, Vickers da Costa was acting in London, governing their foreign currency exposure after the ending of exchange controls could prove unduly restrictive. Those most likely to be affected are the 350 or so foreign banks in the City, many

of whom use London as the centre for their worldwide foreign exchange dealings. At present the paper has not been circulated widely and the banks are working out their response to the new guidelines through their umbrells organ-ization the British Bankers have very little in the way of Association.

some surprise among senior bankers because it is couched have to pump more capital into in very general terms and the United Kingdom to support first demand from the associa-tion is likely to be for "clari-fication" of some of the definitions used.

The main worry among some could run their foreign banks is that their rency business as foreign exchange positions will be related to capital adequacy.

assets in this country, they fear that their competitive position could be underwined or that their head offices overseas may The document has caused

from the abolition of exchange controls last October. Under the the Bank is understood to want ings were closely monitored by to lay down certain quantitative ratios to regulate banks' foreign exchange positions.

meant in theory that banks could run their foreign currency business as freely as they wanted within the confines of

larger foreign exchange books.

The new guidelines arise

anxious to introduce a system for keeping an eye on banks' foreign exchange exposure as part of its broader role under the new Banking Act of super-vising the banking system.

The association's working party is expected to take another two to three weeks to discuss the paper and a final meeting with the Bunk of England is likely next month. It is one of three important policy docu-ments for supervision of the banking system expected from the bank in the next few months; one on capital ade-quacy has already been widely d and another on is expected next circulated liquidity

British industry gets £81m Community grants

from the European Community's regional fund for investments by the Ford Motor Co on plants in Wales and

The EEC Commission has approved grants totalling £30m approved for industrial and range of small cars and vans £10.23m first announced last sion in its first allocation under the Fund's 1980 budget.

public sector infrastructure pro- code-named Erika. The fund month. jects in Britain by the Commis- will contribute £9m to Hale-

The grants are part of £81m in the production of the new wood on Merseyside, while the total received by Britain since Ford plant at Bridgend in mid- the fund began operating in

totalling £21m, including

These grants will bring the

Federal Reserve to introduce new official definitions

Money puzzle for the analysts

special trust fund for develop-ing countries. The sale vester-day produced \$296m for the trust fund, bringing total in-come since IMF gold sales started several years ago to \$3,980m. The IMF will auction a further 440,000 ounces of gold on March 5. funds. payment is causing economists redefine what actually constructes money.
This week, the Federal Reserve System, the aurhority responsible for managing responsible for managing money in the United States is to unveit its own official new definitions. Analysts say they probably will expand greatly the types of financial assets that are considered the assistance.

the types of imagerial assets that are considered the equivalent of money.

In the past, the Fed has concentrated on the basic money supply, Mi, which is the total of private current account deposits and cash in the basic basic parts because the country of the control of the country because hereas the country of the country of the country because hereas the country of the countr account deposits and cash in public hands. This was because people used to pay for their purchases by cash or cheque. With new and more flexible deposit facilities, consumers and businesses no longer have to keep as much of their funds

The growth in the use of available Mr Donald Maude, a redit cards, money market senior vice president of Merrin ands, and new methods of Lynch Government Securines, believes that the Fed will include so-called repurchase agreements in some money stock measures.

stock measures.

In a repurchase agreement, corporations buy securities from a bank or other investor, which agrees to buy them back at a later date and pay a specified rate of interest.

Mr Maude believes repurchase agreements with very short manurities might be included in a narrow money stock measure, which he says could

measure, which he says could perhaps be called M1A.

Mr David Jones, an economist for Aubrey G. Lanston and Co, of New York, thinks the new money definitions will also include all types of bank accounts the descriptions. where the deposits can be used to pay for transactions. One example would be the popular "now" account, which technically is a savings account, but against which consumers can write withdrawal orders Analysts believe the Fed's can write withdrawal orders new money supply definitions that look and work much like will take into account some of the new investment facilities accounts earn interest.

Some analysts think at least a portion of the amounts invested in money-market funds one or more new money measures. Such funds are similar to mutual funds, but their assets are invested in short-term securities such as United States Treasury bills. Consumers have been turning increasingly to money-market funds as a substitute for savings runds as a substruct for savings accounts. Furthermore, some funds allow their holders to write cheques against the amounts they have invested in the first

It is not certain how many new money stock measures the Fed will introduce or which out monetary policy. But until it makes it clear which of the measures it will concentrate on, analysts will probably have a harder time judging monetary policy. "It will be a more uncertain period for Fed watchers", Mr Jones

Edward P. Foldessy Associated Press

The Trans-Oceanic Trust Limited

Glamorgan will receive grants 1975 to £501m.

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The Annual General Meeting was held at 120 Cheapside, London EC2 on Thursday, 7 February, 1979 at 10.30 a.m.

The following is a summary of the Report by the Directors for the year ended 31 October, 1979. %Change Total Revenue 51,754,032 £1.450,670 <u>+ 20.9%</u> Revenue after taxation and expenses £ 991,235 £ 726,503 <u> - 36.4%</u> 8.08p Earnings per Ordinary Share (see below) +36.3% Ordinary dividends for the year net per share 7.48p ÷36% 5 50p Net asset value per 25p Ordinary Share 227.9p 224.7p

The earnings per ordinary share reflect non-recurring income from the Company's holdings in Sheli Transport & Trading Limited and Unilever Limited as a result of the removal of dividend restraint, amounting to £154,779. As the Directors considered that the benefit of this income should be passed on directly to the shareholders at the earliest opportunity, a special interim dividend of 1.28p per share has been declared and paid on the Ordinary Capital, absorbing £153,722.

Copies of the Report and Accounts are available from the Secretaries, J. Henry Schroder Wagg & Co. Limited, 48 St. Martin's Lane, London WC2N 4EJ.

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PRICE CHANGES



Hoffmann convicted over Valium 'give-away'

Hoffmann-La Roche, the Quebec-based subsidiary of a Swiss company that manufac-tures and distributes the tranquilliser Valium, has been convicted in Toronto under the Combines Investigation Act of trying to eliminate competition in Canada over a seven-year

The company faces an un-specified fine that will be set by the Ontario Supreme Court judge who tried the case.

In his 112-page judgment, Justice Allen Linden found that tarring in 1970, Hoffmann-La Roche gave away millions of doses of Valium to hospitals and sold large amounts in gov-ernment contracts for one

dollar to counter competition in the tranquilliser market. Judge Linden said that when Hoffmann-La Roche started its give-away programme, it was prepared to lose SCan2.6m (about fim) worth of Valium sales—which it did—to prevent a forecast loss of Can\$600.000 in sales to a competitor that

Roche's aim could only have heen to eliminate Horner (a competing transquilliser manufacturer) from the hospital market and to warn others that they too would be eliminated.

Delegate to Japan



Mr Douglas Fraser (above) president of United Automobile Workers of America, who last month urged a curb on Japanese imports, has joined international trade union mission leaving for Japan on Monday to discuss' Japanese car exports with Mr Massyoshi Obira, the Prime Minister,

EEC crude cost up

The price of imported oil in the European Community increased in the week ending January 28, but consumer costs slipped, the EEC Commission reports. The increase in the cost of imported crude since the end of 1978 stood at 122 per cent. 8 noints higher than the previous week, but pre-tax payments for crude and finished products fell to 87 per cent above the December 1978 level

Effect on silver gains

Higher price of fine silver must affect the prices of some precision machines in the electrical industry. Brown Boveri und Cie AG of Mannheim say. The company uses 20 tonnes of silver annually in various hranches at a cost at current prices of DM45m (about £11m) against DM12m a year ago.

Partial AEG pact

AEG Telefunken managing hourd and employee representarives reached partial agreement over the company's rationaliza-tion plan, a report from Frank-furt says. Payments to workers leaving the company under the programme has been agreed, but the number of workers affected and the period of time involved remain unsettled.

Bermuda inflation

Inflation reached a record year, the Government has an-nounced in Hamilton. The cost of fuel and power increased by 55 per cent during 1979. Bermuda had an annual infla-tion rate of about 6 per cent in the previous two years.

More oil for India

Iraq will supply six million tonnes of crude oil to Iudia this year, two million tonnes more than originally agreed but only slightly up on the 5.8 million tonnes supplied in 1979, says Mr Hamed Alwan, the Iraqi minis-ter of state for foreign affairs.

Ore price raised Major Japanese steel com-panies have agreed to pay an average of 20 per cent more for Australian iron ore ship-ments in fiscal 1980 beginning next April, a Nippon Steel Corporation spokesman said in Tokyo. The new ore price will he about \$18 (almost £8) a

Bonn production up

The seasonally adjusted preliminary West German Decemher index of industrial produc-tion, at 126 (1970 equals 100), was up 1.6 per cent from a downward revised November index of 125, and rose 6.7 per cent from an index of 119 registered in December, 1978, the economics ministry in Bonn

Domestic and international chains planning increased investment

Britain ripe for hotel development

The top three international hotel chains have identified Britain as a growth pros-pect for new hotel development—the first sign of fresh investment melting the virtual freeze imposed on such projects in

the last five years by cost problems, Commonwealth Holiday Inus of Canada, an international associate of the Tennesseebased Holiday Inns Inc. has already launched into a £40m development pro-gramme to double the size of its United Kingdom chain. Holiday Inns Inc. which wealth's chain's six, is also considering several sites. Between them, they expect to increase the number of Holiday Inas to about 30 by 1985.

Hilton Hotels, the world's second largest chain, which has three hotels in Britain, has just started site work for a \$10.5m hotel with 381 rooms at Gatwick. Although it has had problems in putting together a financial package to build on the prime Castle Terrace site at Edinburgh, on which its option has now lapsed, Hilton is still hoping to come up with an acceptable scheme for this development.

Ramada Hotels, third in the world league, has also turned its sights on Britain. It is negotiating for a private site in central London and for another on the centre fringe belonging to a local authority. It is also considering at least one hotel at a London airport and is site hunting in Bristol. Edinburgh, Glesgow and Man-

There are signs of investment in new hotels from some of Britain's own chains, though their development strategies differ from the three American-based hotel

groups.
Trust Houses Forte (THF), Britain's largest domestic chain, is upgrading 260 hotels and in the past year has added 1,000 bedrooms by extending present properties. But with its 32nd Post House

Occidental Petroleum has

resumed shipments of phos-phates to the Soviet Union as

part of its controversial fertil-izer barter deal.

Hooker Chemical, a subsi-diary of Occidental, has re-ported that three vessels have

now left Jacksonville, Florida, for Black Sea and Baltic ports. Earlier they had been blocked

by longshoremen, who had im-posed their own embargo on Russian bound cargoes. The yessels were freed after court

The Carter administration has been considering a ban on the Occidental deal under which phosphates will, in part, be swapped for imports of

Late last year, Washington

imposed quotas on animonia imports after protests from

United State producers. These

quotas were subsequently reduced as part of the package

of economic sanctions in protest against the Soviet invasion of

Afghanistan.
The administration in Wash-

ington has also been considering

n ban on phosphate exports. Now, the Commerce Department

has decided to validate export

licences, but has said that future

applications will be studied on

Occidental yesterday wel-

validated" licences. "We feel

it will be recognized that our

Soviet Union is in the parlonal

interest and that halting the

export of phosphates to the

"In addition Russia has re

serves from its own huge re-

sources of rich phosphate apatite which can be diverted to

make up any possible deficien-

Last year, Dr Armand

Hammer, the chairman of Occi-dental, signed two new con-tracts as part of a 20-year ferti-

lizer raw materials agreement with the Soviet Union.

By onr industrial editor
Whitehall arguments over the funding of the Royal Navy's new class of offsbore protection

vessel appear to have been settled, and an announcement

of the first order for the OPV
Mark 2 is expected shortly.
The arguments have been between the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, and

the Ministry of Defence for the vessel which will replace the existing and aging fleet of Ton class minesweepers used in

coass minesweepers used in coastal fishery protection. The new vessel is expected to be the OPV Mark 2 designed and developed by British Shipbuilders and the Royal Navy Ships Department.

Ships Department.
Replacement of the Ton class

because the Ministry of Defence

wants the replacement vessel

to operate out to Britain's 200-

mile limit and the cost of a series of 10 ships will be about

Discussions are taking place

which caould lead to an Ameri-

can aircraft manufacturer in-

vesting in Northern Ireland

with the prospect of creating 1,000 new jobs over five years.

Gulfstream American, sus-pended all production of its

three types of aircraft at the

end of December, Last month, the company and International Transport joined forces with

the prospect of relaunching the

range of Gulfstream Ameri-

can's light aircraft on the Euro-

pean marker. The Germans and

the Dutch could be competing for the proposed new factory.

A spokesman for Gulfstream

the project and the transfer of

the manufacture of the light air-

craft product line to a new facility in the United Kingdom

shall depend upon successful

completion of the detailed

If the plant was in Northern

planning."

"Final implementation of

By Bill Johnstone

Ministries settle dispute

on protection vessel

fertilizer agreement with

USSR will no: hurt them.

decision

ection by Occidental.



Mr Howard Field of Commonwealth Holiday Inns: enthusiastic about

due to open at Haydock Park in the sum-mer with 100 bedrooms, there are plans

for further expansion. There were suggestions the Post House chain would be doubled in size within five or so years, but Sir Charles Force, THF's executive chairman, was less specific, saying the chain should reach 100 hotels by

the end of the century. THF's success record in growth by acquisition may be a factor because of the acquisition may be a factor because of the likelihood of more properties coming on the market at lower prices. Hotel values, quadrupled in the last five years, could this year decline between 20 and 30 per cent compared with the high prices of the second half of last year, according to GBS and Co, the London-based hotel consul-

Trafalgar House Investments' Cunard Hotels, which has been extending existing hotels, is tendering for a central York scheme. Several other groups have short lists of cities and towns where develop-ment appears feasible if the right sites become available.

Among them is the Grand Metropolitat group. Mr Graham Lewis, its hotels divi-sion chief executive, said: "We are look-ing for sites that will combine a dual attraction of tourism, business and commercial traffic. It is now sensible to acquire sites and start building before the

next set of inflation rates hit us." This view, underlined by a threatened hotel bedroom shortage within five years, was echoed by Mr Howard Field, financial controller of Commonwealth Holiday Iuns. Like some other hoteliers, Mr Field expects a dip in profits this year after good results in 1979 because of the effects of high interest rates combined with au easing in occupancy levels. But he added: "We are fairly enthusiastic about prospects. It should be possible to develop in the United Kingdom and make a reason able return on investment."

The Commonwealth chain has three hotels under construction, at Aberdeen, Portsmouth and Glasgow city centre, and three other central developments under detailed negotiation at Manchester, Car-diff and Harrogate. There are also three possible Irish Republic sites at Shannon, Cork and Dublin, and other possible British sites at Sheffield and Milton

Kevnės. Behind all these investment moves lie Behind all these investment moves lie several factors, among them a trend outside central London, where prime sites are rare, for local authorities to attract hotel investment by incentives. Including equity participation in construction costs. The first effects are also being felt of the Government's concession to the industry of limited industrial building tax allowances.

Derek Harris

Fertilizer ENI chairmen call for ships sail leadership decision for Russia By John Huxley

From John Earle
Rome, Feb 7
The chairmen of the main operating companies of ENI, the Italian state-owned hydrocarbon group, have called upon Signor Francesco Cossiga, the Prime Minister, in a telegram published today, to end the uncertainty which has lasted since early December and decide on the group's leader-

ship. The Prime suspended Signor Giorgio Mazzanti, the group's chairman when Saudi Arabia blocked oil suplies to ENI in reaction to Italian press allegations that at least part of \$114m (£49m) commission on a deal involving
12.5 million rops of crude was
destined for Saudi pockets.
Pending inquiries into the effair. Signor Cossiga appointed

Signor Egidio Egidi as govern-ment commissioner with the title of deputy chairman to run

The government inquiry by a special six-member commission has been given until tomorrow to report, but its findings have already been drafted and are expected to be considered tomorrow by the Cabinet.
A parallel inquiry has been

conducted by a parliamentary commission which is due to discuss its report next Wednesday. The affair is also being investigated by the judiciary, but no end to their enquiries is in sight.

The telegram to the Prime Minister, from the chairmen of nine companies including Agip, Nuovo Pignone, Saipem, Snamprogetti, Anic and Snam, said they had been induced to "break our long and disci-plined silence" by the continuing state of uncertainty. They stressed "the absolute and urgent need for a decision by the Government regarding the chairman and deputy chairman

Speculation about what the various inquiries have unearthed has so far centred on whether

But a privately designed al-

ternative, the Osprey, at an esti-mated cost of £3m for each vessel, has been rejected.

vessel, has been rejected. Although an government decision has yet been taken on the design which will be the basis of Britain's offshore protection capability, British Shipbuilders has already started work on the first two OPV Mark 2's in confident expectation that the Defence Ministry will out for that design

opt for that design.

Decisions are still being de-layed while ministers make up

their minds over the funding in

the "light of overall financial restraints", according to White-hall officials.

Disagreements over the level of funding arose when the Ministry of Defence insisted that

the new class of ships should

have other roles as well as fishery protection, including

may be built in Northern Ireland.

Ireland, the primary market

would be Europe although it

has been suggested that sub-

assemblies of the three types

of aircraft would be shipped to the United States for final con-

struction for the American

A new plant for the aircraft —named Cheeiah, Tiger and Couga—could require an invest-



Signor Francesco Cossiga: asked to end uncertainty.

reinstated, rather than on whether the commission was descined for Italians, Saudis, or a third party, although Saudi Arabia has made plain it will require clarification of this point before oil supplies can be resumed:

All that has been admitted officially is that the commission of 7 per cent was payable to Sphilay, a Panamanian letter

Signor Giorgio la Malfa. leader of the Republican Party, today said it was already poss ible to conclude from the inquiries that the work of ENI should be censured and Signor Mazzanti should be replaced. Parliament should also con-

sider the behaviour of the ministers involved (those most directly concerned are Signor Giulio Andreotti, the former Prime Minister, and Signor Gaetano Stammati, the Foreign Trade Mioister), as well as the need to revise ENI's system of financial holding companies abroad, and the conduct of the Agip management in the matter.

fic of about 2 million tonnes a year on the improved Sheffield and South Yorkshire Navigation

have been secured by the British Waterways Board. This is 0.5

aged to secure when it put for-ward the £15m scheme for gov-

To back up prospects for the level of traffic along the waterway, which is now being widened and deepened, the board is trying to attract industrial in-

vestment in association with the south Yorkshire local authori-

ties. Sir Frank Price, board chair-

man, yesterday met leaders of the three south Yorkshire coun-

cils to discuss progress on the

improvement scheme, he said, would enhance

ernment approval.

fishery protection, including the protection of North Sea oil region.
"We cannot wait for industry

Gulfstream American's Cheetah, one of the aircraft which

US aircraft maker may move to N Ireland

Better waterway attracts

Commitments to freight traf- to come to us. We must set

million tonnes a year more than the level which the board man-

more freight traffic

Wider range tools urged

By Edward Townsend dustry, still losing almost half-its home market to importers, has been told by the industry's Little Neddy that further adjustment of product ranges to market opportunities is central to its performance expectations in

advance in exports.

However, the machine tool economic development committee in its latest report* pub-lished today says that the fact that imports took more than 50 per cent of the £112m growth in United Kingdom consumpin United Kingdom consump-tion in 1978—at a time when there was underurilized capacity in some areas of the home industry—" provides evidence of a need for urgency by the in-dustry to align its product range still more closely to the changing requirements of customers ". In the fast-growing but small

fields of numerical control (NC) turning machines and machining machines and machining centres, which represent 10 per cent of the United Kingdom market in value, imports rose by 73 and 55 per cent respectively in 1978 and continued at high rates in 1979.

On the export front the trivers in EDC expects that ingert partite EDC stresses that investment programmes in the auto-motive and aero industries in the United States and elsewhere present major opportunities, and the industry recognizes that competition will be fierce.

"Nevertheless, the industry appears confident of improvement in exports and at home on the basis of product and market development and, by implica-tion, is aiming for higher standards of company operating efficiency."

out our stall now and go after enlightened industrialists both

see a water highway as a means

of reducing their transport

creased cost and likely short

dustrialists to look to the United

Kingdom whose fuel resources

kingdom waose tuen resources are secure for at least the next 20 years.

"Our aim is to generate prusperity for the region. We have the backing of local authorities, Covernment, trade unions and the people of south Yorkshire", Sir Frank said.

The board, with the local authorities, has formed a new committee which will lead the

committee which will lead the

campaign to ottract industry.

the manpower, communications and engineering experience of

mind Northern Ireland's sub-

stantial stake in the sircraft

Mr Nigel Harford, sales director of Cabair Sales Ltd,

the United Kingdom distribu-tor for Gulfstream American, is in no doubt. "Northern

Ireland is an obvious choice

because of the existing specialist skills in the country.

in the aviation industry and

demand should continue to out-

Irrespective of the final location of the factory, Gulf-stream American will be

responsibe for management support and technical assist-

ance on the project, while

Southair International, a new-

comer to the tircraft granufac-

turing scene, part of the Inter-

national Transport Group, will be responsible for marketing.

Southair will continue to use

existing Gulfstream American

strip suply", he said.

here is considerable growth

the early 1980s.

The industry has already invested considerable sums, often with Government aid, in new product development and is hoping for improvement in the home market share and a major

* Macline Tools EDC Progress Report 1980. Available free from NEDO Books. 1 Steel House, 1à Tothill Street. London.

of machine

Committee on Industry and Trade were agreed by the Select Committee on Industry and Trade were agreed by the Secretary of State for Industry early in 1978 and were reported in the press at that time. These arrangements, which are already is force, provide for the pre-1969 deficiency to be eliminated over 14 years by payments from the Telecommunications business to the Pension Fund under a Deed of

Covenant. The amounts paid to the Pension Fund following the issue of the deed are identical with the payments which would have been made

Sir, I would like to correct some false impressions that will have been created by the report of your management correspondent in the Business News of February. 5 on the arrangement for funding the Pension Fund deficiency inherited by the Post Office when it became a public corporation in 1969.

The arrangements I described the recent committee on Industry and increases.

Post Office Pension Fund

From Mr Charles Beauchamp had the previous funding

increases. Now that the Government has announced its intention of reorganizing the Post Office into two separate corporations, the Deed of Covenant arrange-

ments are being reviewed, the Deed of Covenant arrangements are being reviewed to see whether any changes are required. No decision on the matter has yet been taken. Yours faithfully, CHARLES BEAUCHAMP, Board Member for Finance, The Post Office, 23 Howland Street. February 6.

British Rail unpunctuality

From Mr Graham Walne Sir, Like Miss Dashwood Quick (letters Feb 1) I too am "tired of British Rail's excuses" and I am therefore moving from my delightful village back to London, 60 miles away. I am tired of unpunctuality; 90 per cent of trains about 10 minutes late, 10 per cent late enough to disrupt or cancel a day's appointments. Tired of trains without heat or buffer cars. The gain to me is three

to British Rail of my family and clients' fares is well over £3,000 per annum, with a further loss to my local taxi company (late trains don't stop at

union movement take up his cause. Their knowledge of the problems is comprehensive and their action potentially direct. Let them see this as one of the biggest opportunities to imof a battle-worn travelling pub-

Wivenhoe. Essex CO7 9JR.

my village) of another £1,000. The individual commuter has little facility for improving the

Yours sincerely, GRAHAM WALNE, Managing Director, Leisureplan, 9 Anglesea Road,

From Mr C. A. E. Goodhart
Sir, It was with taixed feelings
that I read in your letter
columns on February 4 that
Professor Brian Griffiths had
impugned the validity of
"Goodhart's Law". I was flattered, but also disturbed, by the
idea that anyone could take my
original light-hearted witteism
so seriously as to feel the need proper comparison.

irely serious, its coverage is both wider and more general than Brian Griffiths allows, and it does—I would claim bave more underlying validity than he suggests. I looked again at the exact words of the original from a paper which I prepared for a Reserve Bank of Australia Conference in 1975. Therein Goodhart's Law is stated that any statistical regularity will tend to collapse once pressure is placed upon it for

This is, and was intended to

This politico-economic ver-sion of Murphy's Law rests

depends upon continuing stable thuman) behaviour by all the relevant groups within the economy, and that behaviour must depend in large part on each group's perceptions and expectations of how the other groups are going to behave. One of the most important of

the actors in the economic play is the government. If the government should alter its own behaviour, for example by seeking to control the money stock directly, rather than allowing the money stock to vary as a consequence of its other, inde-pendently set, policies on interest rates, fiscal policy &c., then the other groups, eg banks, in the economy are likely also to revise their behaviour parterns and previous regularities will tend to break down. As a simple example, once

the authorities are seen to be trying to achieve a given money stock, the normal market response to an overshoot in that money stock is to raise nominal interest rates, while in the absence of monetary targetry faster monetary growth nor-mally led, in the first instance at least, to declining nominal interest rates. Such considerable, and often unpredictable, changes in behaviour elsewhere in the economic system, as the government tries to base policies on past economic regulari-ties, have been analysed both more rigorously and much more seriously by economists such

The second prop to Good-hart's Law is the one which

of the From Mr Nicholas Treadwell and I do not believe we under- dollar From Professor H. W. Singer

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

stand the full scope of its

In mass production terms,

our industry and commerce are less and less able to com-

pete in world markets and

there arises a strong argument

for increasing the creative con-tent of British products. More originality would mean less competition and higher prices.

and the market for unique and

unusual products is a growing

Yes, I know, not quite so simple as it sounds, but it certainly appears that the competitive mass production of basic products is unlikely ever

again to be a viable proposi-

Let us therefore exploit our

exceptional creative resources to the full and, both commer-cially and industrially, be more original, more individual, more

imaginative and charge for it

offer a splendid inflation-proof investment. To the issuing body it would mean a substan-

tial amount of additional in-come this year for immediate investment, with no loss of in-

come next year, because at least as many people would be

buying stamps then for the year after. And every m-nouncement of a forthcoming

prige rise would precipitate a further rush to invest by cus-

tomers delighted with their

arrangements continued; there

is no question of contributions being halved as your corre-spondent implied.

financial acumen.

Yours faithfully, M. L. WEST, Bedford College,

Inner Circle, Regent's Park,

London NW1 4NS. February 3.

(University of London), St. John's Hall,

NICHOLAS TREADWELL,

36 Chiltern Street, Loudon, W1M 1PH.

accordingly.

potential.

Too little use made

From Mr Nicholas Treadwell
Sir, Is it generally resided that in creative areas of contemporary life, we British can be said to lead the world. By creative areas I mean theatre, fashion, pop music, TV, five art, etc. In all of these fields during the last 15 :years we have produced individuals who have made world-wide impact

Some, of them have been

record tax-payers and, in pro-

ductivity terms per capita,

brought to this country more foreign money than individuals

Quite a large percentage of these men and women are pro-

ducts of our art schools and have received their creative

education as a result of gov-

ernment grants. The impres-

sive success of these few sug-

gests that commerce and in-dustry, and perhaps govern-ment, should pay more atten-tion to the graduates of art

colleges. British creativity, ori-ginality, individuality have

been proved to have a commer-cial viability of enormous scope; and quite clearly, there is lots more where "it" came

We probably have more art schools than any other country and we spend millions educat-

ing, and thereby encouraging, creative talent; but, once having done this, we make limit or no effort to use this talent

From Professor M. L. West

Sir, We are invited to make

interest free loans to national-

ized concerns by buying tele-phone stamps or electricity saving stamps. The latter, according to a leaflet enclosed

with my latest electricity bill, "have become a firm favourite

with many customers. If this is true, it argues a sadly guli-ible public.

It would be a much better idea if the credit value of such

stamps were expressed not in money terms but as so many

message units or energy units. The effect would be that we could buy next year's eletc-

tricity or gas in advance at this year's prices. This would benefit everyone.

To the consumer it would

Sic, I would like to correct.

Interest-free 'loans' to

nationalized industries

working in any other fields.

of creative talent

art, etc. In all of these fields that naive and are prepared to during the last 15 years we use their creative minds in have produced individuals who almost any direction, no have made world-wide impact.

Same them have matter how down to earth.

Today's art students do not think they will survive by just argues that the dollar is too making their art when they cheap because it produces an graduate. They are no longer American trading surplus that naive and are prepared to which you consider a "distorlem for the rest of the world. But surely, this is the best possible way of reducing the "overhang" of dollars which the rest of the world no longer wants to hold? For decades, the United States has had the advantage of the world reserve currency country to run a deficit (ie obtain a surplus of useful goods and services) from the rest of the world in exchange for supplying reserves. Why should the rest of the world not now be willing to reverse the process, is obtain goods and services from the United States in exchange for reducing the no longer wanted overhang?

You quote Germany and Opec as the main victims of the "too cheap" dollars. You could not have bit on two economies less likely to need your concern or tears of sym-pathy, Is there a law of nature that Germany must always have a surplus? And do you grudge the non-dollar oil inporters the small relief from higher oil prices as a result of the "too cheap" dollar? But then, Opec will in any case see to it that the cheapness of the dollar is reflected in higher dollar prices for oil. The impact on the United Kingdom and some other economies is a

much more serious matter.
The United States grading surplus, while welcome as long as there is a dollar overhang, does not reduce the urgency of finding more permanent solu-tions for the collapse of the Bretton Woods system based on the dollar as the world reserve currency. The substitution account, the rise in the price of gold, Special Drawing Rights, together with a United States trading surplus, are all stopgaps while a new inter-national monetary order

emerges. Yours faithfully, H. W. SINGER, Ovingdean, Brighton, Sussex, January 28.

It's an old problem

From Mr John Beavis dominated your recent pages—
the price of gold, an external
and growing threat to our
security and a major strike in the iron and steel industry. Jean Gimpel in his e-cellent book, The Medieval Machine, reminds us that this combination of problems is by no means new. In 1260 the Franciscan monk, Bartholomew, felt

moved to write: Use of ircn is more useful to men in many things than use Though men have more gold than iron, without iron the commonaky be not sure against common right is not governed; with iron innocent men are defended; and foolhardiness of wicked men is chastened with dread of iron. And well nigh no bandiwork is wrought without iron, neither tilling croft used nor building builded

without Iron. As the external threat increases and covetous men accumulate gold, let us hope that 600 years on, our priori-ties are right and that on both sides the desire to be the victor of the present industrial battle does not also destroy much of the steel industry and its dependent communities. It would be communities. It would be very sad if at some future date there was an insuffi-ciency of the more useful of the two metals that commonalty be arainst enemies". not sure Yours faithfully, JOHN P. BEAVIS,

36 Priestfields, Rochester Kent. February 4.

Goodhart's Law explained

so seriously as to feel the need to indicate that it was not quite on the same standing as Ohm's Law or Boyle'; Law. ladeed, I would have Murphy's Law-" If it can go wrong it will go wrong "-more in mind as a

Though the derivation of Goodhart's Law" was not encontrol purposes".

be, a much more general ex-pression than the particular application to the monetary field which Brian Criffiths and John Whitmore have empha-sized.

upon three main supports. The observed statistical regularity

phasize. If a government be-lieves that it can achieve some important objectives within the economy by controlling an intermediate target because there has been a stable relation ship in the past between this intermediate target and final objective, then there may be a tendency to try to put on special controls of one kind or another to achieve that intermediate target. But such controls, often including various forms of rationing, will tend to distort the original structural relationship—as is well illustrated by Professor Griffiths, who selects certain examples from within the financial system.

Further support for "Good-hart's Law" is provided by general experience during the 1970s. In 1970 it was believed that there were a number of important economic regularities which could be manipulated for quite short-term control purthe Phillips curve, the demand-for-money function, the consumption function. During the early 1970s these regularities become unstuck, one after the other. They are regularly the econometric workshops, but they no longer carry the same bright conviction. Yours sincerely, CHARLES GOODHART,

Chief Adviser on Monetary Policy, Bank of England. Threadneedle Street, February 5. .

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ment of about \$50m (£21.8m).

But the negotiations are at

an early stage. According to

Northern Ireland's Department

of Comerce: Discussions have taken place with Gulfstream.

These are at a preliminary stage and, as yet, detailed assessment of the company's

proposals has not been made. All relevant factors must be

assessed and we must bear in

Brian Griffiths does indeed em-

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Darrell Delamaide

describes how

the marketing

efforts of

the Bundespost

have run into

trouble

Otto Graf Lambsdorff (left), Economics Minister, and Herr Kurt Gscheidle, Minister of Posts and Telecommunications.

The Economics Ministry has criticized some of the Bundes-

and, now, the marketing of tele-

istry, which has a veto right

A compromise was finally reached, whereby the Bundes-

post agreed to limit its share

argued that the Bundespost had to be involved in this business to keep up with the technical

the market to 20 per cent.

You have to ask where this

electronic, functions.

ministry argued.

developments.

BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

GEC will respond

Racal's share price ended the trading session yesterday evening at 217p where its new paper offer for Decca is worth £93m, but that was before GEC said it would counter again. By any measure though Racal's is a decent response to GEC's first bid of £82 m in cash. Racal's latest offer is no less than 43 per cent higher than its first, so there is a message here somewhere not least for Decca's hoard and its advisers County Bank who had recommended Racal's terms at the

That said the prices being offered are beginning to look highish given that Decca is now commanding around £30m of good-will, albeit based on some fairly historic book values. GEC will now push Racal further this morning and it will presumably use its enormous cash resources to maximum advantage. Racal has underpinned its equity bid with a cash offer that matches GEC's exactly; I guess that GEC will simply match Racal's equity with cash. Racal's idea is that the majority of Decca shareholders will opt for the Racal shares—and on this count it still looks comfortable.

Assuming, first, that all Decca share-holders took the shares and second that Decca broke even next year, equity dilution would still only be of the order of 15 per cent. Racal is probably in a net borrowing position, but it can safely fund any cash option through internal funds and borrowing; gearing on the assumption of a heavy call on the cash would still be only around 45 per cent.

Nevertheless, this suggests when Racal is pushed today it will have to consider some sort of underwriting operation. There are still a few stages left for this one to run, then, and Decca shareholders should stay

• In oil as in gold the soundest adage is sell on a strike. Then the excitement ends and the grind of drilling begins. But people are shortly to be asked to buy shares in Berkeley Exploration and Production, and appropriately, it has (as yet) no worthwhile

oil or gas to speak of.

Hope is nourished by a drilling programme, and the proximity of BEPL's interests to other people's finds. Sometimes Berkeley jound hydrocarbons; sometimes it encountered Jurassic sands; but all the wells so far drilled have been plugged and ahandoned. There are no profits and no dividend. It is, in the jargon, a blue sky

It is also the first offer for sale under Rule 163(3), a rule designed for stocks which do not fulfil official listing requirements. It is certainly an exciting stock for this accolade, an excitement undiminished by the partly paid nature of the shares. Subscribers will be asked for 50p a share to start, with the threat of a further 50p to pay, some time after March next year.

But the only surc beneficiaries of the issue are KCA, Mr Paul Bristol's publiclyquoted group which is spinning off Berkeley. the issuing house. Charterhouse Japhet liees 564,750), and the brokers. Normal investment criteria do not apply.

London & County

Paying

Deloitte Haskins & Sells takes the view that v Harmood Banner affair is a not unreasonable price for peace of mind. After all, what is a mere £900,000 against the potential £10m plus liability (damages plus costs and

interest) under which the firm might otherwise have laboured for the next six months? But the affair has implications, not just for the partners in Deloittes and their insurers, but for the profession as a whole. For if £900,000 is the price of innocence (and Deloittes is still vigorously denying the allegations of negligence against the former Harmood Banner), then what on earth is it going to cost next year to insure against

the risk of guilt? Accountants taking out professional indemnity cover under the English Institute's scheme suffered an increase in premums this year, after three years of static costs; and what with this, Peat Marwick's little difficulty in Germany, and the Mann Judd/ Barrow Hephurn affair last summer, there isn't much doubt that insurers for the big eight will be bumping up their premiums

On the other hand, one matter is left unsettled in the precipitate end to the case which, had it run its course, might have forced up premiums even higher; and that is the novel question of whether auditors are liable for losses subsequent to and consequent on their auditing of the books. Some 54m of the 55.75m which the liquidator of London & County originally claimed was attributable to these consequential losses; and the very novelty of the claim, and uncertainty over whether it would ing him to settle out of court. So that is one battle deferred to another day.

Takeover Code

An overseas

By far the thorniest subject, after insider dealing, the Takeover Panel has had to address itself to in the dozen years it has been trying to regulate the takeover scene is abuses of Rule 34. Broadly speaking this seeks to ensure that any party, or parties acting in concert, that acquires a stake of 30 per cent or more in a company should extend a general bid to all shareholders.

Thus the last major revision of the Code in 1978 was forced to plug the gap—exposed during the Allegheny Ludlum-Wilkinson Match affair when the United States company acquired 30 per cent of its target and then pushed up its stake to control by acquiring new shares in exchange for assets-whereby a bidder could secure control without making a general offer.

Not for the first time a foreign company is now threatening to drive a coach and horses through the Panel's rules, with a helping hand from the ending of the requirement that Treasury consent had to be obtained before a 10 per cent stake could be taken of a United Kingdom concern under the old Exchange Control regula-Foreign intervention has caused the Panel plenty of headaches in the past.

Coincidence or not, given that one of the rumoured suitors for Consolidated Gold Fields is an Afrikaaner concern, it was General Mining five years ago that cocked a snook at the Panel by making a partial bid for Union Corporation in contravention to the spirit of the Code.



Mr John Nott, Secretary of State for Trade,

The General Mining episode exposed one of the principal weaknesses of the Panel, namely that it is only effective because it deals with a small group of City profes-sionals who by and large know the rules the £900,000 it has agreed to pay in an out of the game and understand that if they of court settlement of the London & County want to go on playing they will have to want to go on playing they will have to abide by the letter and the spirit of the Code. The upshot though of the General Mining affair was that the Panel had to relax its rules on partial bids in the case of foreign companies.

The Panel was similarly snubbed two years ago when it tried without success to find out the identity of Swiss bank clients who had purchased Dunford and Elliott

shares prior to the Lourho bid.

The Gold Fields developments seem to illustrate just as clearly that if a prospective bidder wants to hide behind a foreign nominee there is nothing the Panel can do to flush him out. The ball appears to be more in the court of company law however with the disclosure requirements for United Kingdom and foreign companies over the 5 per cent ruling so divergent.

One protection which some big United Kingdom companies including BP, John Laing and Costain use is to change their articles of association to disenfranchise shareholders who hide behind nominee holdings and refuse to identify themselves.

Is West Germany's Post Office misusing its monopoly?

Hamburg

The announcement by Deutsche Bundespost (the German Federal Post Office) late last month that it intends to market telephones with extras, such as a built-in answering service, has revived the debate in West Germany about whether the organization is abusing its

the organization is abusing its monopoly.
While Britain questions whether the Post Office should be divested of some of its functions, the problem in the federal republic is how to keep the service from expanding its monopolistic position by adding new services in markets already served by private firms.

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The Bundespost is a formid-able competitor. Germany's largest economic enterprise and Europe's largest service organization, it is the country's biggest employer and by far the biggest employer and by far the higgest spender of capital investment. Because of huge operating surpluses in the telephone business, it has been making a net profit of DM2,000m (about £519m) in each of the past few years, despite a stubborn deficit in traditional postal services.

The Bundespost, which operates hanking and bus

The Bundespost, which operates banking and bus services besides its monopoly of post and relecommunica-tions, has shown, under Herr Kurt Gecheidle, the Minister of Posts and Telecommunica-tions, virtually entrepreneurial enthusiasm for entering new markets.

In the past months for instance, it has added foreign exchange and travellers cheques exchange and travellers cheques to its banking services. In 1978 it began offering parcel sets for sale, complete with collapsible cardboard box, tape, string, cardboard box, tape, string and address card—all for as little

as one mark.

These activities, which are clearly outside the Bundespost's monopoly areas, aroused criticism from banks which have always complained that it can undercut them because it does not have to pay postage. Also, stationery shops are resentful that the Bundespost does not that the Bundespost does not argument ends", an official in have to pay value added tax.

But the main criticism falls on Following that line of reason-

ing, for instance, the Bundespost could justify entry into the col-our television market because it its telecommunications activities especially as new technology opens up fresh sectors. In the past two years the Bundespost has moved into the community aerial and cable television busilays cable.

Its entry into the cable marker aroused the anger of the Central Association of German Electrical Craftsmen, which filed an action with the conness, the distribution and ser-vice of relefacsimile equipment stitutional court is Karlsruhe (later rejected on technical phone equipment with ancillary The entry into the relecopier market in 1978 caused Orto Graf Lambdorf's economics min-

The craftsmen argued that the Bundespost, which is the statutory authority for regularing cable installation, has an over any new rates charged by the Bundespost, to object. It would have an unfair advantage in a market hitherto dominared by medium-sized firms, the ing cable installation, has an unfair advantage as a competitor. They cited cases where it denied permission to a private firm to lay cable and then granted itself laying rights. The Bundespost says that this happens only on public property and is to ensure an installation which will be adeptable to high capacity cable later.

Another charge from the

Another charge from the craftsmen was that the Bundes-post created an "informaion cartel " on technical specifications for community antenae with several large firms which regularly supply telecommuni-cations equipment. This group



most notably Siemens, AEG-Telefunken, Standard Electrik Lorenz (an ITT affiliate), and Philips—are traditional sup-pliers of telephone and telex equipment.

Smaller firms not belonging to this group have clasmed that they are excluded from Bundespost contracts or prevented from introducing new products. Nixadorf Computer; which aims to expand its telecommunications become tions business, still resents the Bundespose's 1978 rejection of its data telephone—an " intelly gent " telephone, which, 'can transfer data over normal telephone lines. The service argued that the apparatus was not compatible with European regula-tions for monitoring main tele-

phone connexions.

Herr Helmur Rausch, Nixdorff managia director, said that the close cooperation between the Bundespost and its principal suppliers hindered innovation. "We will all have to bear the consequences arising from years of delayed innovation due to thexploited. reserves of creativity and a attention care by case."

growing technological gap," he said at the time.

Various research have documented other in-stances of missed innovation. and the press—led by Fronk-furter Allgemeine Zeitung, Die Zeit and Wirtschaftswoche— have periodically challenged the role of the Bundesport in new telecommunications sectors.

new telecommunications sectors.
Siemens, the service's main supplier of telecommunications equipment, rejects this claim. A Siemens managing director sits on the Bundespost's administrative council, the higher decision-making body, as technical adviser.

The electrical goods con cern and the service both suffered a major embarrassment last year with the suspension of plans to install an electronic dial system developed by Siemens. The process, based on the traditional analogue system rather than the new and faster digital one, was judged to be obsolete before its planned invallation this year.

Herr Gscheidle and his ministry have developed a thick-skin when it comes to criti-cism, apart from the fact that the ministry has a public restions and advertising budget of tions and advertising puoper of Dm30m to explain its side of things to the public. Indeed thanks to its large surpluses the Bundespest has enough money to do almost anything it wants. "All that maney can be seduced." rive" a Bonn ministry official commented. "You get the feel-ing you can do anything." The latest planned expansion.

of the service form the supply of specialist releading the supply of specialist releadings has led to new talks with the economics ministry shout hindering committies. The Federal Control Office in Berlin, which already hes several acareedings running against the Punderness, also is involved in the talks.

A bosic decision should be received in the next county of weeks. "But alls orohiem will not on and on" said Herr Dieter Wolf, who is responsible for antitrus cuestions in the education can be read according to the committee with require close according care by case."

Technology

The myth surrounding R and D

Research and development can contribute a great deal to the much needed rejuvenation of British industry, but simply to increese R and D spending is in itself no panacea. Recent official reports have implied that a greater R and D effort will inevitably result in growth, increased market share, col-lapse of the competition and other assorted benefits.

This is not necessarily so. and to believe that it is displays a naive indifference to the lessons of the 1960s, let alone those of the 1970s. The Government's Advisory

and Development suggested recently that British industry would do well to buy technology from abroad where appropriate. This is a fair point, but it is not the whole picture. because technology alone is of only limited use.

Not only are British comadvantage of available foreign technology but, it is alleged, they are also slow to take advantage of British technology if it resides outside their own laboratory or factory gates. The not-invented-here (NIH) syndrome has applied within companies as it has within the country as a whole.

One symptom of this in the past has been the reluctance of industry to put R and D work out to contract. Britain's contract research organizations— outside specialists who sell their expertise via consultancy, research and development pro-jects—looked enviously at the United States, where contract research was an accepted way

of business life. Now there is some evidence that the contract research business has become respectable in Britain, too. "Contract R and D makes particular sense in times of financial stringency and when good, experienced engineers are in short supply ", says Mr Robin Smith-Saville, director of business development at Cambridge Consultants, a sub-sidiary of the Arthur D. Little consultancy.

route

According to Cambridge Consultants, the contract R and D market is booming. Of the company's work 80 per cent is for United Kingdom clients, rang-United Kingdom chemis, ranging from large companies, the Ministry of Defence and the Post Office to small, specialized companies. Turnover reached £2m in 1979, with profits 25 per cent shead of the planned level.

Mr Richard Cutting, manag-ing director, attributes much of the heightened interest in con-tract R and D to the Government's various new-technology "awareness" and consultancy programmes, including those aimed at microprocessor uses

in particular. For companies velopment. Combinations of adwishing to respond to new tech-vances in different fields nology, contract research and development can provide a relatively painless route.
About half of Cambridge
Consultants' projects involve

microprocessors in one way or another. Software and produc-tion engineering skills have become all-important.

Innovation tailored to new products for industry is the speciality of another consul-tancy-owned group, the PA Technology and Science Centre (Patscentre) of PA Menagement Consultants. Over the past 10 years Patscentre at Cambridge shown a good track record in developing innovative and commercially successful products — primarily for overseas companies, because British companies were not interested.

A few years ago only 20 per cent of the centre's work was for United Kingdom companies. Now the proportion has risen to 40 per cent, on a growing volume of business (overseas work has also grown with the setting up of similar Patscentres in Australia, Sweden, Belgium and, only lest month, at Princeton in the United States). Total Patscentre business is now be-

Mr Gordon Edge, Patscancre now less able to innovate that director, points to the wide once they were, because they range of technologies that are have become increasingly specialized while the need is for

electronics plus optics, elec-tronics plus electrics, new materials plus design for automated assembly, computing power plus new sensors — are now needed to produce

genuine innovations. Mr Edge draws a distinction between innovation, which is the response to a need, and invention, which may be ingenious, even brilliant-but irrelevant. In successful innovation the key-is to blend the various advances in technology into an integrated whole. Realism in defining the need at the start can reduce the risk which inevitably accompanies product development.

Attention to

Large companies with substantial in-house R and D resources may fell to innovate successfully because their centres of specialized expertise are not working together. And the small entrepreneurial organ-izations in the United States are greater integration of techny-

Paying rigorous attention to the mar tet and to realistic constraints for the client company from the start, and channelling the technology accordingly, is an important element of the Parscentre discipline.

Also, in the National Enter-prise Board's Insac and Aregon software and riewdata buissi diaries, market research and development have clearly been regarded as just as important es, if not more important than, the scientific research and development which underlies, their innovative products.

those who believe that all will be well if Britain simply pumps enough money into research and development into semiconductors, or robotics, or computer-aided engineering, or biotech-nology, or whatever. All will not be well.

The myth that high spending at the R and D and of the mnovation chain is directly related to high performance at the market end was, I believe, demolished many years ago. In essence the plea is for relevant R and D in the widest senseand to determine relevance has become a very complicated pro-

Kenneth Owen

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Business Diary: Moscow Narodny's 'Niet' • BL's bulldog

ments which face the Russians at present, the dispute now brewing at the Russian-owned Moscow Narodny Bank in the City of London is pretty small poratoes—but curious withal.

The bank is a Britishregistered concern whose shareholders are a clutch of 40 or

so Russian state finance and trading organizations. Leif Mills, general secretary of the Bank-ing. Insurance and Finance Union let it be known yesterday that a recognition dispute between the union and the bank had "come to a head".

The problem, according to the RIFU. is that although the

union is recognized as the bank staff's negotiating body. Moscow Narodny's management negotia-tors behave in such a way as to constitute "a calculated denial of that recognition"

The Russian board, the union says, refuses to give its own management negotiators the authority to "deal properly". But a resolutely anonymous Moscow Narodny spokesman ald me yesterday: "The nego-ators have a full mandate to gotiate with the union. I ally can't see what the union

complaining about

e did not feel mandated in triation with me, however, name either the bank's ian chairman (whom the wants to see) or even the n senior deputy manager.

Indered where disaffected people at Moscow people at Moscow ay might look elsewhere aployment, and tried-at n. of course Afghan al Bank in Finsbury They, too, would not to their Afghan too man I must conclude that the two employers.

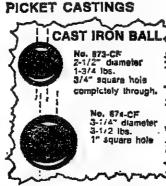
As an example of the embarrass- Metalcraft, a North London ornamental ironmongery company, received the first consignment of a new import yesterday — a selection of picket castings". One attraction of these fence embellishments, the company says, is that they slot together so that you can make your own conjection from the range in the catalogue. Of these, nos 673-CF and 674-CF, "Cast Iron Ball",

and b: +Cr, "Cast tron Bau, , caught my eye. They seem to me the sort of picket casting which with some chain Lord Denning might have designed. British Leyland, on top of all their other little local difficulties, is the subject of some growling at Cruft's dog show this week. Buildog breeders are indignant about the picture of a rather dejected looking animal in advertisements in the national newspapers on Monday with the heading "Give a dog

had name". Jack Bateman, a Leicestershire breeder, was one of the first to protest. "It was a ter-rible photograph of a not very impressive dog ", he com-plained. "Its ears were buttoned, its mouth was wrong and there were all sorts of other faults."

Mrs Jean Saunders, breed representative on the Kennel Chub liaison committee (a sort shop steward if you like), id: Our breed always gets the bad end of the stick. We are sick to death of it. If they want to use a picture of a bull-dog they could use a good one to start with."

Mrs Anne Worth of the British Bulldog Association was rather kinder: "The dog was

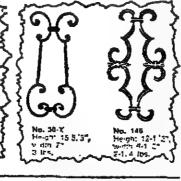


not a brilliant specimen - certainly not show standard — but I think it is a bit cruel to comment on it. After all, the slogan was true—bulldogs do get a bad name. The breed is always being used to devict things that are unstable, unreliable, overweight or fat.

Like British industry, in fact. in whose interests British Leyland claimed to have placed the

So now we know. The men caught napping on the night shift at British Leyland were crack troops of the KGB's Horizontal Activities Division. We have it on the authority of the Feonomist Intelligence. of the Economist Intelligence Unit, which vesterday disclosed in a report on international union politics that there are "sleepers" in jactories on both sides of the Iron Curtain awaiting the trumpet blast of war to begin disruption of industry. The TUC could neither confirm nor deny this

plausible theory when I called



A spokesman for the Nuclear

Installations Inspectorate, which

Fit on 1/2" Square Picket

is to be moved from Westminster to Bootle. Lancashire, asked in The Times vesterday: "Who on earth would voluntarily want to move to Bootle? " Who, indeed? Well. Barry Moult, for one. Moult is director of operations at National Giro Bank's operational headquarters which is in Bootle. He had not lived or worked outside rhe Home Counties before and said yesterday: "The town has a variety of attractions to suit most needs" He had excellent of attractions to suit most needs" He bad excellent heaches, golf clubs (Royal Birkdale for ones, shops and places to live "within easy reach."

Bootle is a fairly grimy industrial town, but is only part of the borough of Sefton, which takes in the seaside resorts of Ainsdale, Formby and Southport, as well as Liverpool's "Millionaires' Row", Crosby and Blundellsands. There is a nature reserve and miles of nature reserve and miles of farmland.

• Few people these days dare offer to sell nothing but hope. nakers. Yesterday we had details of Berkeley Exploration and Pro-duction. a spin-off from Paul

KCA International. Berkeley is rouning the North Sea for oil and gas, but has yet to find any in worthwile quantities.

If the offer goes well, then Bristol, still only 42, can think of the next step in his grand design, a spin-off from the drilldesign, a spin-off from the drill-ing activities of KCA. Over the years the ultimate aim, sceptics say, is to have a master com-pany surrounded by satellites, with the value of the main company sustained by the quoted paper of the companies around it.

The design sounds very much The design sounds very much like the empire nearly built by Jim Slater. but Bristol's confessed model is the Anglo American gold and diamond empire built up by the Oppenbeimers for whom he once worked. A man wirk Bristol's nerve and charm might just do

British Home Stores, 1 am told, received a letter from a pop group recently asking whether it would mind if a record appeared with the title " Making love in the doorway of British Home Stores." was a move within BHS to reply. "No. as long as you don't do it in the store itself", but in the end a reply was sent more in keeping with BHS's drab image.

Ross Davies

Town & City Properties

Unsudited interim results for the half year ended 28th September, 1979

Year		Balf Year	Half Year
24.3.79		28.9.79	28.9.78
£'000		£'000	£'000
34,803	Grees income from property	17,506	17,543
3,544 6,252	Net income from property Income from other sources	3,167 3,361	1,788 2,159
9.796		6,528	3.947
(23,724).	Less : Interest payable less receivable	(14,105)	(11,605)
(13,928) 6,025	LOSS before taxation Less: Taxation relief	(7,577) 3,579	(7,658) 3,481
(7,903)		(3,998)	(4,177)
17 7.358	Minority interests Realised capital profits	(10) 17.003	3.824.
(7,358)	Transferred to capital reserve	(17,003)	(3,824)
(7,886)	Shortfall of distributable income for period	(4,008)	(4,174)
NOTES			
1. Realise up as f	d capital profits less losses and capital charges (ollows:	after taxation	•
			£'000

Note: The above surplus on sale of properties has no regard to valuation surpluses in previous years amounting to £6,847,000 which were included in capital reserve and have been written off.

The taxation relief included above is £3,600,000 (Period to 28,9.78 £3,500,000) and

Surplus of sale proceeds over original cost of property, less capital

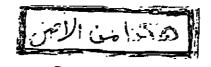
subsidiaries written off in respect of sales

Net capital losses

Excess of cost of acquisition over book value of net tungible assets of

is limited by reference to the amount of offsettable chargeable capital gains. Significant losses remain available to be carried forward against future revenue

No dividend is recommended for the period to 28th September 1979. Since the publication of the annual accounts last July a farther £25 million of property has been sold with a book value of £21 million. This brings the total of sales since 25.3.79 to £45 million with a book value of £28 million.



FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

Steady advances as buyers come back in

vesterday in the hope that some soon giving way to rises of agreement will be reached today with the steel unions.

Equities advanced on a broad front, accompanied by a return to favour among Government securities.

The general consensus among marker gossins was that with reports of 22 per cent increases being laid on the table the steel unions would be anxious to accept and return to work. Even the threat of a further stoppage at BL continued to have little effect on market sentiment. Dealers were reassured by a recent survey which pointed to the fact that 65 pe reent of the engineering workforce was against any form of industrial action to see the former Communist shop steward, Mr Derek Robinson, reinstated. Therefore shares, partcularly in the engineering sector, began to race away again, although a stock short-age exaggerated some of the

price movements.
Oil shares, too, were a firm feature, helped by overseas buying, while still awaiting details of further price in-creases from BNOC. However, gold shares moved easier, hit by a fall lin the bulion price from \$617.5 to 6\$597.5 on rumours that the hostages in Iran would soon be set free.

Gilts began the day on a fairly firm note following the late rally the previous evening. Buyers discounted the fears of higher base rates (and a post-poned fall in MLR) and moved in. Prices rose higher, but by lunchtime most of the demand had been satisfied. It was only in after-hours that the pattern of the previous evening began to repear itself as a shortage of stock began to push prices

In the event, longs closed at the top after some active we-way trading, with rises of

Dated: January 25, 1980

Buyers were quite confident between £\(\frac{1}{2}\) and £\(\frac{1}{2}\), while in of the counterbid. Racal's enough to return to the market shorts earlier rises of a £\(\frac{1}{2}\) were second offer, was well received around fl to f

Equities, on the other hand, began to run out of steam in after-hours and, after touching its high point of 8.4 at 3 pm, the FT Index finished slightly off at the close, being 7.0 up at 462.9, a rise of 15.1 points in two days.

Shares in auctioneers Sotheby Parke Bernet were bid up 8p to a near's high of 515p yesterday on consistent buying from America. However, the directors, who effectively control 50 per cent of the equity, are un-worried by the movement and have yet been received.

Industrial leaders were also off the top in after-hours, although most still showed size-able gains. Rises of 10p were seen in Pilkington Bros at 238p and Glaxe at 483p-ahead of its AGM and one-for-one scrip issue next week. ICI improved 7p to 386p and Unilever 6p to 460p, while rises of between 1p 4p were reported in Beecham at 127p, BAT's at 261pp, Reeed International at 200p and Rank Organisation at

But once seals it was electricals which held the marker's attention, with Racal's £92m broadside in its tussle with GEC over control of Decca. The size

Int or Fin
Beaumont Props (F) —(—)
Drayton Com Inv (F) —(—)
ML Bidgs (I) 8.9(6.9)
Mountleigh Gp (I) 3.45(2.83)
Plastic Cons (F) 10.8(9.6)
Pansom (I) 1.1(1.2)

by the market and pushed shares of Decca 15p higher in the ordinary at 350p but saw the "A" slip 2p to 417p.

GEC moved 5p better at 371p, but the one drawback came in the form of some heavy buying of Racal, which pushed the shares 5p stronger and was thought in some quarters to have been done to help out the paper side of Racal's bid.

Plessey was still waiting in the wings in the hope of being picked up, advancing a further 3p to 141p, but Ferranti, another mentioned takeover prospect, held firm at 484p. Elsewhere in the sector, Eurotherm International at 336p

and Diploma Investments at 433p were both 5p higher and Berec improved 3p to 104p. But Bowthorpe Holdings remained unchanged at 112p, while ICL dipped 5p to 518p after further consideration of the chairman's statement at the recent annual general meeting. general meeting. Engineering remained in con-

fident mood, pinning its hopes on the steel wages settlement on the steel wages settlement and helped by some stock shortage. Tubes at 296p and Simon Engineering at 234p were both 8p better, while rises of 7p were noted in Stone-Platt at 55p and GKN at 272p. Other rises included Hawker Siddeley 4p to 192p, Johnson Firth Brown 4p to 41p and Metal Box 6p to 254p.

Latest results

Romai Tea Elides (s) 29(3.2) 0.33(0.57) 48.8(73.5) —(—) — — ——)
Scot Agri Inds (F) 88.8(81.5) 5.7(4.1) —(—) 9.0(7.5) 2/4 14.7(12.5)
Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.428. Profits are shown pre-tax and earnings are net, a 18-months comparison with 12 months.

Earnings

6.53(6.46)

1.8(1.56) 1.42(1.29)

per share 5.3(4.5)

Oils began the day on a firm note, helped by some good over- active share of late, advanced 3½p to 68½p. night business in New York and hopes of au announcement of Speculative interest directed price rise details from BNOC, attention to Foster Bros in

Dranlop rose a further 1p to 60p, which still leaves them 20p away from the 1979-80 high. from a growing confi-in the group's streamlining, there are stories going round of riches in the wholly owned Rhodesian interests, which the hopeful say, may get a bid. Then again, they may

after-hours trading.

Among the majors, BP shone with a 20p leap in the "old" at 384p, with an 18p rise in the "new" at 388p, while Shell put on 8p at 358p and Ultramar expanded 14p to 452p.

Lasmo stood out among the second-liners, spurred on by optimistic reports of its Sharjah well and continued takeover talk, rising 20p to 500p. Siebens also saw some active two-way trade, which boosted the price 30p to 710p, while Cawoods, with a large stoke in Lasmo, jumped 12p to 176p, accompanied by Imperial Continental Gas, 32p stronger at 725p. Favourable comment helped KCA International to a 61p rise

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2.6(2.3) —(2.69)

However, further overseas buy- stores, 10p higher at 88p, ing following the start of busi- Sotheby Parke Bernet 8p better ness in New York saw shares at 515p, Ropner Holdings 11p finish at their best levels in firmer at 75p and Furness Withy 16p heavier at 264p. Stylo Shoes rose 17p to 190p in spite of a bid denial from the chairman and British Air Cargo recovered 20p to 50p ahead of an expected announcement on the group's future

> Other special features included Wholesale Fittings, 30p higher at 530p in a thin market, withile Avana rose 7p to 113p following Northern Foods' (up 4p at 125p) announcement after its AGM that it had bought a further 125,000 in Avana.

> But Mr C. R. Haskins, deputy chairman, was quick to point out that the purchase which lifted Northern Foods stage in Avana to about 10 per cent was Avana to about to per cent was purely for investment purposes and the group would "definitely not" launch a full-scale bid. In the meantime, Armitage

Shanks continued to gain ground on the hope of a high bid, rising 2p to 100 p as suitor Blue Circle Industries rose 6p to 304p. Serck gained another 1p to 70 p, on reflection of Rockwell's attempt at closer cooperation, Rubbers continued to

Rubbers continued to improve, spurred along by the nigh price of rubber and bid rumours. Gthrie jumped 20p to 757p on hopes of a bid soon fro Sie Darby, while elsewhere, Castlefield leapt 42p to 505p, London Sumatra 15p to 445p and Malaysia 20p to 251p.

Equity turnover on February 6 was £110.424m (15,432 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, according to the Exchange Telegraph, were Charterball, Congraph, were Charterhall, Consolidated Gold Fields, Lasmo, Dowty, BP, R.T.Z., Racal, Burmah, Shell, Imperial Continental Gas and Beecham.

Mr Lacey discusses last details of Lonrho deal

Graham Lacey's purchase of a 19 per cent stake in inter-national trading giant Lonrho were due to be thrashed out vesterday.

It is understood that advisers close to Shaik Nasser, whose Gulf Fisheries group are potential sellers of their stake, flew to Washington to attend President Carter's morning prayer meeting with Mr Lacey and later about the finer talked

points of the deal.
It is thought that a pricewhich at the current rate could total £40.5m-has ben agreed, but no announcements is expected until early next week. The deal has to go back to Shaik Nasser for his approval and as today is the Muslim Sabbath, he will not consider the details until the wekend. Mr Lacey's bid to buy a sub-stantial part of Lourho was officially acknowledged around

list and part-time preacher confirmed that he was in nego-tiations with Gulf Fisheries. The spokesman added that finance for the deal would come

in the main from a private American company which Mr Lacey controls. So far, the name of the organization has not been disclosed.

The final details of Mr Ferguson, Gulf Fisheries' Lon- Bernard Wardle in Parliament don respresentative, who is as smacking of "asset-stripcarrently also in America, said ping". His remarks were that a reference had been sparked by the decision of sought from Mr Tracey to Bernard Wardle to close their confirm that he could finance the deal.

Mr Ferguson said then: "We are satisfied that Mr Lacey can finance the purchase of the if an agreement is shares

Mr Lacey's move brought an immediate response from Lonrho chairman Mr Roland Tiny Rowland who said that Mr Lacey would join the board of Lonrho over his dead body. "We would not have Mr Lacey on our board if her was the last man on earth", he was reported to have said.

That surprised some in the City as Mr Lacey has made no official mention of using the stake he plans to buy as a lever to obtain a board seat at Lonrho. In fact it is now understood that he has no intention of attempting to join the pre-sent Lourho board. two weks ago when a spokes-man for the 31-year-old evange-Meanwhile in London, Mr

Lacey's private investment com-pany Birmingham and Midland Counties Trust has been the subject of a House of Commons

question.

Mr Dafydd Wigley, PlaidCymru MP for Caernarvon,
criticized BMTC's £4.1 milion

Caernaryon factory and transfer production with the loss of 320 jobs.

However, Wardie's managing director, Mr John Sharpe, said the decision to close the fac-tory was taken before BMC! launched its bid. Shareholders are still waiting for the Wardle board's reaction to the BMCT attempt to buy the 70 per cent it does not already own. So far they have told shareholders to take no action.

In a written Commons ques-tion, Mr Wigley asked the Secretary of State for Trade to take steps to ensure that Birmingham and Midland Counties Trust abides by the Comfact that the company has not logged its report and accounts for 1977-78 and 1978-79. He was told that BMCT had filed its annual return to December 1978 on February 27, 1979 and accounts to September 30 1977 on March 16 1979. Letters have been sent to the

company and to each of the directors asking them to file the outstanding documents.

A spokesman for Mr Lacey said these are in hand.

N Sea group's offer for sale

By Peter Wainwright
The first public flotation un-der Rule 163(3) is to be Berkeder Rule 163(3) is to be Berkeley Exploration and Production a North Sea group. The 3 million ordinary shares of £1 are being offered for sale at 50p a share with a balance of 50p subject to call. This will not be

before March 31, 1981.

Of the 3 million shares, appli-cations on pink forms from shareholders in KCA Inter-national (of which Berkeley is

a spin-off) will be given pre-ference in respect of 1.95m shares-65 per cent of those on Applications on green forms from employees of KCA and its subsidiaries will be given preference for 5 per cent. So only the balance of 900,000 shares will be affected to the public

will be offered to the public. Lists will open on February 22.
The particulars start on page
one with the remark: "Investment in an oil exploration com-

pany such as BEPL is specula-tive. Your attention is drawn in particular to the section headed Risk factors on page 3 of this document."

Mr Paul Bristol, chairman of KCA International, is not on Berkeley's board. This consists of Mr Ian Colin Orr-Ewing as chairman, Mr. John Hannam, MP, Mr Geoffrey Keating, a former BP man, and Mr Robert Stoneley, an oil industry geolo-

NOTICE OF REDEMPTION

Ente Nazionale per l'Energia Elettrica-ENEL

71/2 Per Cent. 15-Year Guaranteed Bonds of 1970

Due March 1, 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, on behalf of Ente Nazionale per l'Energia Elettrica-ENEL, that on March 1, 1980, \$3,500,000 principal amount of its 71/2 Per Cent. 15-Year Guaranteed Bonds of 1970 will be redeemed out of moneys to be paid by it to Dillon, Read & Co., as Principal Paying Agent, pursuant to the mandatory, annual redemption requirement of said Bonds and to the related Authenticating Agency Agreement and Paying Agency Agreement, each dated as of March 1, 1970. The Chase Manhattan Bank (National Association), as Authenticating Agent, has selected, by lot, for such redemption the Bonds bearing the following serial numbers;

BONDS SELECTED FOR REDEMPTION

Bonds so selected for redemption will become and be due and payable in United States dollars on March 1, 1980, at the office of Dillon, Read & Co., 48 Wall Street, New York, New York 10005, at one hundred per cent (100%) of the principal amount thereof with interest accrued thereon to the redemption date. Bonds should be presented for redemption together with all appurtenant coupons maturing subsequent to the redemption date. If moneys for the redemption of all the Bonds to be redeemed are available at the office of Dillon, Read & Co. on the redemption date, interest thereon will cease to accrue from and after such date.

At the option of the respective holders of bearer Bonds selected for redemption, the principal amount thereof and interest thereon may be collected upon presentation at the offices of the following Co-Paying Agents: in Luxembourg-Ville, Grand Duché of Luxembourg at the principal office of Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas pour le Grand Duche de Luxembourg S.A., or in Milan. Italy at the principal branch of Banca Commerciale Italiana S.p.A., or in London, United Kingdom at the principal office of S.G. Warburg & Co. Limited, or in Frankfurt, a/M, Federal Republic of Germany at the principal office of Deutsche Bank A.G. Additionally, insurance companies doing business in the Republic of Italy may present for redemption Bonds registered as to principal, which they own, at the principal branch of the Co-Paying Agent in Milan, Italy.

DILLON, READ & CO.

Bougainville's peak results

Bouganville Copper, the giant mine in Papua New Guinea in which Rio Tinto-Zinc has an indirect 35.1 per cent holding, is the latest major metals pro-ducer to report record profits in the wake of high mineral prices. It is revaluing by kina 300m (£191m) its assets better to reflect performance.

Net earnings for the year to
the end of December rose to

New look

sought by

McLeod

K83.9m (£53.4m) from K48m in 1978. The average price received for gold in 1979 was \$305 (£133) an ounce, compared with \$194 an ounce, white cop-per prices went up from 62 cents a pound to 90 cents. Silver also improved considerably.

These returns were achieved despite lower output consequent upon failing ore grades as lower areas of the open pit are worked. Production was 584,692 tonnes of concentrate against

658,587 tonnes in 1978, yielding 170,788 tonnes of copper, 19,703 kilogrammes of gold and 44,640 kilogrammes of silver. Bougsinville's fixed assets have been revalued by K300m to

K625m. The extra capitalization will be put into a reserve. It is proposed that some of the funds be used to make a two-for-one bonus issue. At the same time, the directors recommend that the current 50 toes shares be

Noble Grossart sees profits rise by 10 pc

By Alison Mitchell Despite strengthening the

McLeod Russel, the tea group balance sheet at the expense with interests in India and Rhodesia said in its interim of immediate profits, Edioburgh-based merchant bank statement that it is making considerable efforts to develop other sources of income, although the major source of profits continues to be from the Indian tea activities.

The current year is likely to show a significant consolidation and strengthening of the group's resources outside India. Profits from India should compare favourably with last year's. There is still no sign, however of a solution to the Indian tax problem.

The Rhodesian Eastern Highlands Tea Estates, on the Mozambique border, is now produc-ing 2 million kilograms a year, despite operating under ex-tremely difficult conditions in the last few years. The develop-ment of the Tasik concession in north Sumatra, with four other United Kingdom-based plantation companies, has disappointingly encountered dif-ficulties. Sir John Brown, chair-

United Kingdom trading and operating activities are still only making a small profits con-Last year the group made £1.4m profits pretax.

Leyland Paint and Walipaper is buying Warrington Colonrway for a maximum price of £400,000 Warrington operates five retail paint and walipaper shops in Greater Manchester.

Property revenue for year to September 30 up from £1.38m to

\$1.75m and pre-tax profits from \$1.12m to £1.27m. Total dividend raised from 5.77p to 6.42p, gross.

Turnover for half-year to Sep-tember 30 slipped from £1.22m to

£1.19m and pre-tax profits from £258,000 to £230,000. Interim divi-

dend, gross, raised from 1.85p to 2.03p. Board expects year's profits to be slightly lower than previous

WATSON & PHILIP
Mr D. C. Greig, the chairman, reports that the group recently acquired George Ritchie and Sons, 1 delivered wholesale operation in Duadce. After some rationalization, the benefits should come through in 1979-80. A similar position applies to the recently committed that the contraction of the contraction of the contraction.

tion applies to the recently-com-pleted acquisition of James Mutch Foods, a delivered grocery busi-ness in Elgin.

BEAUMONT PROPERTIES

WILLIAM RANSOM & SON

HAMPTON TRUST

LEYLAND PAINT

Five Oaks Investments, the of investment properties and uilding and property group for outstanding rents. nual report.

visions which were made in the second half for the maintenance

where there was a boardroom battle lest year, has made a £74,000 loss for the year to June 30, 1979, against a profit of £5,000 for 1978, and the auditors have qualified the an-

chell have qualified their re-port because of the group's failure to maintain proper records for its investment properties which "caused inadequate control of rents, rent reviews and serivec charges." The loss resulted from pro-Borrowings are down from £367,000 to £233,000 on Decem-

ECGD LOWERS LIMITS

Hampion Trust has completed the purchase of the underlease of associated services, may be used for contract values between US\$100,000 and US\$1m. The re-1-43 The Precinct, High Street, Egham, Surrey, for £220,000—sotisfied by £160,000 cash and the issue of a one-year, interest-free promissory note for £60,000. mainder will be available as be-fore for contracts with a minimum contract value of US\$1m. UK banks which have now agreed to this arrangement are Midland Bank DRAYTON COMMERCIAL
Revenue, after tax, of Drayton
Commercial Investment Co for
1979 up from £1.4m to £1.73m.
Tutal Gross Property International Division (US\$100m allocated), Barclays Bank International (US\$37.8m) and National

S.A.I. Scottish Agricultural Industries (stabsidiary of I.C.I.) reports turnuver for 1979 up from £81.56m to £88.87m. Pre-tax profit rose from £4.11m to £5.71m. Total payment. gross, raised from 18.65p to 21.07p.

ROMAI TEA HOLDINGS Turnover for 18 months to June 30, 1979, £2.93m (£3.24m for previous 12 months). Profit, £184.000 (£284.000), after tax. Earnings per share, 48.82p (73.59p). Gulliver, Associates, Heron Motor Co, and Vaux Breweries. The banking business also

Noble Grossart boosted pretax profits by 10 per cent to £1.3m in the 12 months to January Total assets rose from £24.3m

The bank, which is famous for its North Sea oil interests. has been developing its other business. In the period under review its corporate division has been expanded and now includes clients outside Scotland. Among the companies advised by the bank are James

improved its contribution, though chairman Mr Angus Grossart admits that the policy there is to maximize profits and maintain margins rather than to increase the size of the During the year Noble Gros-

sart has been buying and de-veloping oil and gas properties in North America both on its own and in conjunction with established American oil companies. This, according to the chairman, ought to show

through to future profits. The bank has stepped up its

Auditors Peat, Marwick, Mit-

Five Oaks auditors' query

building and property group

REO STAKIS

Mr Reo Stakis, the chairman
of the Reo Stakis Organization,
reports in his annual statement that the current year has started off well. The chairmen's total remuneration in the year to Sept 30, 1979, was £36,000, compared with the previous year's £26,000.

The Export Credits Guarantee Department has agreed with the Bank of China that a portion of the deposit facilities opened in December, 1978, for use by the Bank of China to finance exports of United Kingdom capital goods and

Briefly

Westminster (US\$75m). Total gross payment raised from 7.46p to 8.57p.

ber 31, 1979.

GOUGH COOPER
Gough Cooper has sold to an institutional investor two supermarkets at Folkestone, Kent and Wymondham. Norfolk. Cash proceeds,
after expenses, about \$1.45m, compared with \$1.12m book value. NEGIT
Following abolition of UK ex-

change controls, original purpose for which Negit was established has ceased to apply and Negit has decided to recommend it be placed in mmehers' voluntary liquidation. EDINBURGH SECURITIES Edinburgh Securities has issued 300,000 ordinary shares in exchange for 400,000 Candecca Re-

sources ordinary shares. Number of ordinaries now in issue is 6.1m. NEW LIFE BUSINESS British life insurance companies

saw total new business from individuals increase by 31 per cent to £695m last year. In the fourth quarier of the year, new annual premiums jumped 44 per cent to \$201m, while new single premiums amounted to \$164m compared with

ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN

Insurance companies have dropped plans for a \$4.5m advertising campaign, intended to form part of the industry's opposition to nationalization. A spokesmantor the insurance industry Joint Council said that the campaign, to be handled by Saatchi and Saatchi, was conceived during the term of the Labour Government and was "not so urgent now". and was " not so urgent now

REED STENHOUSE Total income for first quarter, £17.07m (£16 14m). Pre-tax in-come, £528.0κο (£661,000).

First-half advance by ML **Holdings** By Our Financial Staff

Strong demand in the aviation and engineering industries helped M. L. Holdings to better interim profits.

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At the pre-tax level the figure mounted to £374,000 against E303,000 for the six months to



Mr Ralph Price, chairman of

ML Holdings. September 30, 1979 on turnover up from £6.9m to £8.9m.
And the cheirmen Mr Ralph
Price is confident that the
second-half figure will be
greater as profits from several
large contracts will be included.
In the six months under In the six months under review the aviation division, the largest in the group, continued to grow and the spin-off effect

was felt in the engineering side.

The £1.5m investment in a new vacuum process foundry has helped this division to nas neiped this division is increase profits.

Around 30 per cent of ML Holdings products are exported and Mr Price reports that this side was depressed by the strength of the pound.

The invarian dividend has

The intering dividend has been maintained at 2.8p gross. Yesterday the shares rose 5p to 250p following the figures. Business appointments

W. H. Smith

names new director

Mr C. R. Corness has been appointed to the board of W. H. Smith and Son. (Holdings).

Mr. Farten R. Talbott, senior Mr Feuton R. Talbott, senior vice-president, has been appointed to head the European division of Citibank's individual handing

Anking activity.

Mr Jeffrey M. Sterling has been appointed a non-executive director of The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company.

Mr Ian Cecil has been made the street of vice-chairman of Miller Buckley Pipelines.

Mr Alfred Singer has joined the

hoard of Cannon Assurance and been elected chairman, succeeding Mr Edward du Cann who has re-Mr J. R. Wallenberg has been appointed a director of Cardiff Milling, Mr H. L. Philbrick and Mr R. M. Shipman have resigned from the board.

Mr N: F. Renolds joins the board of The Wellman Engineering Corporation as financial director.

Mr George Dunn will become chairman of Alliance Trust Company from April 11 in place of Mr David McCurrach who will retire but remain on the board.

Mr A. J. Burns is now a director of Aviemore Centre.

Mr John E. B. Bowman has been appointed managing director of appointed managing director of Charterhouse Development. Mr Patrick Ault has joined the board of R. H. Barden (Insurance Brokers)

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Western Mining puts up profits four-fold

Western Mining, one of the biggest and fastest growing mining companies in Australia, saw its profits before tax and extraordinary items and after interest rise almost four times in the six months to January 8 to A\$443m (£21.4m).

Although the doubling in the received price of gold and the five-fold increase in received silver price were importnat, more profitable nickel operations remain the key to Western Mining's operation.

The company is Australia's largest nickel producer and one of the few in the world to be consistently profitable. Sales of nickel rose 36 per cent by value in spite of a fall of 16 per cent to 21,016 tonnes in production.

Sunshine Silver

Natural resource companies and underwriting firms are showing special interest in Sunshine Mining Company's latest discovery. Some of them are thinking of staking similar claims, writes AP—Dow Jones. Sunshine's newest find is an musual kind of debt-security

International

offering—one that can be re-deemed in silver and that gives holders a chance to profit from a further rise in the soaring price of the metal.

Analysts expect investors to line up to buy the certificates, which Dallas-based Sunshine announced on Monday, because the issue combined attractive features of bond-buying and commodity-speculating with few of the risks.

Nestlés profit rise Nestlé SA showed higher group profits for 1979 on increased sales of about 21bn Swiss franca after 19.5bn in 1978, Mr Arthur Fuerer of the company supervisory board

Mr Fuerer said if it were not for exchange rate movements last year the rise in sales would have been twice that

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Options

Dealers reported some evenly spread business among traded options yesterday as total contracts rose from 753 to 839. Three shares held most of the business, with R.T.Z. accounting for 221 contracts, BP 171 and Racal 115. In Rio's, the strong copper price continues to attract investors with the May 420p series proving popu-

Today sees a new series of Cons. Gold options, which include the April, July and October 550p series and the BP July and October 400p series. It turned but to be a busy Declaration Day among traditional options with oils and Australian mines drawing most Australian mines drawing most interest.

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Wall Street

New York, Feb 7.—Stocks rose in heavy trading this morning extending yesterday's strong after-boon rally. Advances led declines more than two-to-one and rhe Dow Jones industria! average added four points. Rails, which along with oils led yesterday's advance, were strong again. Union Pacific Jumped 2½ to 88½, Missouri Pacific 1½ to 59½, 5½ Louis and San Francisco 1½ to 72, Chessi System 1½ to 32, Norfolk 1½ to 33½ and Southern Pacific 2½ to 47½.

Volume leader Gulf Oil added 1½ to 62½, Mobil ½ to 62½ and Exxon ½ to 63½.

February 6: The Dow industrial average closer Points up at 881.83, New York, Feb 6.—Blue chip issues railied strongly higher in late trading. The advancing issues managed to nudge ahead of decliners, 630 to 620,

The Dow Jones industrial average closed at 881.83 up 5.21 in a late surge of buying.

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Foreign exchange report

Profit taking pulled the pound initially in continued response to back quke sharply on foreign exchanges yesterday after Wednesday's strong advance to seven-mouth "highs". The dollar picked up on a Kuwait newspaper report that release of the US hostages in Iran was imminent.

Sterling went up to 2.3160 initially in continued response to moves to end the steel dispute, and on the prospect of high UK interest rates for some while yet. But, by the close, the pound was const on balance. The effective exchange rate index closed 0.1 down at 72.9.

Sterling Spot and Forward

M. J. H. Nightingale & Co. Limited 27/28 Lovat Lane London EC3R 8EB Telephone: 01-638 8651 The Over-the-Counter Market

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Sterling: Other Markets

Dollar Spot Rates

EMS European Currency Rates

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Motoring

Strong views on styling and function

My recent invitation to readers to air their views on car styling has brought a gratifying wad of correspondence and some trenchant comments which I am happy to pass on to any manufacturers who may be reading. Perhaps surprisingly, in this essentially personal area, there this essentially personal area, there was a large measure of agreement.

Mr Kenneth Hollick, from Lon-

don, speaks for several readers in voting the Cirroen CX "one of the most attractive and beautifully designed four-door saloon cars in the world". He particularly likes the GTi version, with its matt black window surrounds, in which he has an ally in Mr T. G. Parsons, of xford, who sums up the GTi as individualism without gimmickry

For Dr John Sleigh, from Gwent, both the CX and the smaller, similarly styled GS are "beauties" and he compares the CX with BL's Rover which, despite the same basic shape, is, in his eyes, "hideous".



Fairest of them all ?-the Citroen CX

A more reasoned critique of the Rover comes from Mr Sunil Shab, of North Wembley, who likes the "very good aerodynamic shape" but not the bumpers—more suited to a Datsun Sunny—or the grooves along the side of the body. He also thinks that the rest of the Rover range could benefit from the smarter wheels fitted to the 3500S model

Apart from the Citroën, cars generally admired for their styling include the Ford Fiesta (several votes), Talbot Sunbeam and Alpine, Volkswagen Scirocco and Golf, the Audi 80 and the BMW 3 series which is preferred to other Parker which is preferred to other BMWs.

Lotus is praised as a stylish sports car and the Aston Martin Lagonda for booking like "a car of todony". The Alfa Romeo Alfasud and Alfetta have their advocates, although Mr Douglas McLean, from Enfield, finds the Giulietta "amazingly ugly".

Wooden spoons go to the Austin Allegro estate—"hideously and pointlessly ugly "-and the BL Princess, which Mr R. F. Helyer, of Portsmouth, calls "the ugliest car on the road today, not excepting the small Citroën and Renault".

The only BL model unreservedly praised, curiously enough, is the Range-Rover, although there is also support for Jaguar (the saloons rather than the XJ-S), while Mr J. Proctor, from Cumbria, puts the case for a car no longer made, the Triumph 2000 Estate.

Japanese cars get plenty of criti-cism. "Absolutely frightful" is the opinion of Mr Hollick, who wonders "how any designer could arrive at such body proportions and win-dow shapes". Mr Parsons thinks that by a short head the Datsuns have been the worst-styled Japanese " the padir was surely reached

with the Sunny and Bluebird of the mid-seventies, with their distorted shapes adorned by grotesque plastic sculpture "

Mr Hollick even dares to criticize the "best car in the world". He feels that Rolls-Royce body styling has not advanced for 15 years and that the front end of the Camargue (a car cosing £71,000) "appears to have been designed by Swedish truck manufacturer." truck manufacturer".

For some readers, practicality is more important than aesthetics. Mr Michael Brook, of Hiford, puts that argument very well in saying that bodies "should be designed, not styled, and buyers should ask not whether they look good but whether they perform their function".

A good recent example of func-tional design, according to Mr Brosk, is the Citroën Visa, whose bodyshell "is designed to cover the mechanicals and the occupants and to cut the air with minimum fuss while remaining compact and practical."

An older model he cires is the superbly bodied NSU Ro30, roomy and aerodynamic." Introduced back in 1967, it is still, he considers, bang up to date; and of what other car can that be said?

And that is where I propose to leave the matter, except for a couple of observations. The first is that by being regarded as ugly: witness the sales record of the Volkswagen Beerle, the Citroën 2CV, the Renault 4 and the enormous success of the Japanese motor industry.

The other point is that hardly any letters mentioned that conventional styling, "practised by Mercedes-Benz and Pougeot," which neither excites nor offends, and may in the

long run be the most effective. Road test: Volvo 345

The Dutch-built small Volvo had an unhappy launch. It was wildly overpriced, offered in only one version, a three-door automatic, and even let Volvo down in its areas of aditional strength, quality and re-Hability.

But much has happened in the

three and a half years since the car first arrived in Britain. Helped by favourable currency movements, prices have become more competitive and Volvo claims that the faults which plagued some early models have now been eliminated.

Just as significant has been the widening of the range. First, the gearless automatic transmission that Volvo inherited from its take-over Volvo inherited from its take-over of Daf was joined by a manual box, which soon became the majority choice and helped to increase sales by 300 per cent in 1979. Then, at the start of this year, came a five-door version, the 345, to supplement the original three-door 343.

One of the drawbacks of the 343 was that it looked too big a car not to offer at least the option of rear side-doors, Admittedly, two doors are cheaper, but they are also more inconvenient and with childproof locks now widely fitted (the 345 has them) the argument about children being safer in the back with no coors to open is irrelevant. But the ideal is to give the customer a choice, and this Volvo now

A word about the manual gearbox, an adaptation of the box used in the big Volvos—the Daf automatic could not be easier to operate, but it does provide rather leisurely acceleration

which in turn encourages the driver to push the engine hard and increase

The manual box mates well with the 1397 cc Renault engine, giving smooth changes and considerably smooth changes and considerably better performance, the 0 to 60 mpl time falling from 17 seconds to 15. Overall noise is reduced as well, although towards 70 mph the engine does begin to sound harsh: a case, perhaps, for a change in gearing. There is little to choose on economy, my return on the manual car being 26 to 33 mpc. 26 to 33 mpg.

Apart from the pleasaut gearchange, the car benefits from light, accurate steering, with a good turning circle, and effective brakes. The ride handling compromise is not entirely successful, for the suspension—De Dion rear axle with leaf springs—gives a firm ride, becoming bumpy on rough surfaces, and also allows noticeable roll on corners. But roadholding is impressive and the car has a sportier feel than its appearance might suggest. than its appearance might suggest.

The 345 is an unusual size, its overall length of 13ft 9in putting it roughly halfway between a typical light car, like the Ford Escort, and a medium car, like the Cortina. It is good to have compactness from the nation point of view but the 345 parking point of view, but the 345 is a little short on rear passenger space, particularly headroom.

The boot, though having a high lip, is roomy and can be greatly extended by folding down the rear sear (not, however, an easy thing

The fascia has been smartened considerably since the car first appeared. The heating system includes separate provision for the rear passengers and the driving seat

hears automatically at low temperatures. The fresh air flow is often. less than adequate. The seats are well shaped and comfortable.

Prices are still on the high side, ranging from £4,151 for the 343 manual to £4,676 for the five-door automatic. But the level of standard equipment is also high, including a laminated windscreen, halogen head lamps and that heated driver's seat; I could, however, have done with a rear screen wash/wipe. The 343/345 series can be con-

verted to run on liquified petroleum cas, the equipment costing around £420.

Fog lamp folly

After April 1 no new car may be After April 1 no new car may be driven on the road without a rear fog lamp (or lamps) and many manufacturers are already firting them. But what in fog may be an important safety feature can be just the opposite when visibility is good. Being of a high intensity, these lamps can dazzle drivers immediately behind and can even make overtaking more difficult by distracting the eve from the road tracting the eye from the road

The law is clear on the matter, saving that fog lemps must be used only in "conditions of poor visibility", such as fag, snow, heavy rain and spray. The trouble is that it is easy to switch the lamps on by mistake, since the widely used fascia symbol looks like a headlight. I did it myse'f recently, though I was very quickly made aware of the fact by the flashing and hooting of other drivers. That indicates how bright in normal conditions the lamp can be. The law is clear on the matter.

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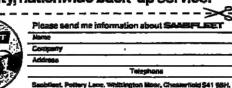
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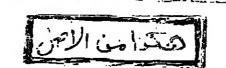
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Yet another hard-luck story about a prisoner coming out of jail? You could say that about today's After Noon Pius (ITV, 2.00), but you would be wide of the mark, as I will now explain. "Bob", convicted of theft and fraud, comes out of Pentonville at 10.30 this morning. He is met—and we see the meeting—by an old school chum, Simon Reed, who also happens to be an After Noon Plus reporter. Off they go to a pub. "Bob", who has twice been inside, has not got only the problem of going straight to worry about. He was a drug addict, and has to learn how to keep off the stuff. While the impressions of prison life are still crisply fresh, he talks to Mr Reed—about the past, present and possible future. Then off he goes to the studio, where the possible future. Then off he goes to the studio, where the governor of Pentonville, Roland Adams, talks (to Mavis Nicholson) about cases like "Bob's". The two men are not allowed to meet before the cameras but, after watching the governor's interview, "Bob" comments on it. As I said, not just another story of a prisoner coming out of jail.

 Peter Adam's admirable documentary about the multi-faceted Edward Albee, playwright/director/producer/arts benefactor (BBC 2, 8.00) probably gets as close as anybody ever will to cracking the code by which this complex man lives. He is a coolly arrogant individual, an intellectual, a despiser of mediocre critics, plays, and audiences: a playwright who so delights in life's ambiguities and ambivalences that he packs them into his plays (Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?, A Delicate Balance, Zoo Story, from all the which we see excerpts) and into his replies to Mr Adam's questions. I am glad to report that Mr Adam does not always allow Mr Albee to get away with them.

Five Days in 55 (Radio 4, 3.15) is a leg-pull, though the fun arises out of the fact that it could (well, could just about)
have happened. Radio Times calls it breathtakingly tedious, which should not put you off it: on the contrary, it is this very tediousness that is its raison d'être. Alan Plater wrote it: James Cameron narrates it; you have already seen it on television; and you heard it on radio in 1976 in a different but equally tedious version. I will not tell you what it is about because that might relieve the tedium. . . . If you don't already know the work, go on an exciting voyage of discovery tonight (Radio 3, 8.35) and listen to György Pauk and Peter Frank! playing the Ravel sonata for violin an dpiano. Recommended listening, too, for rhythm and blues high priests who think they know it all.

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TELEVISION

BBC 1 6.40 am Open University: Oceanography; 7.30 Symbols and Equations. Closedown at 7.55.

9.05 For Schools; Colleges: Encounter (Germany); 9.25 Athlete (long jump); 9.52 Look and Read: 10.15 Maths-in-a-Box (story by Alex Glasgow); 18.35 Going to Work (at college); 11.00 Hyn o Fyd (Welsh programme).

11.25 You and Me: For the very oung. I feel better now (r). 11.40 Schools, Colleges: Exploring Science (Fertilization): 12.05 pm Your Own Business (seeking advice). Clusedown at 12.30. 12.45 News and weather.

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1.00 Pebble Mill at One: Val
Doomigan interviewed. Also an
item on travel and leisure, and
Peter Seabrook's gardening spot.

1.45 Mister Men: the story of Mr
Muddle and Mr Daydream (r).

2.02 Schools, Colleges: Coins
against the Wall; 2.35 A Good Jub
with Prospects (technical, Business
educanon); Closedown at 3.00.

3.25 Pobol Y Cwm: Welsh programme. 3.55 Play School: Helen
Piers's story The Donkey's Tale.

4.20 Captain Caveman: Cartuon,
Playing Footsie with Bigfoot (r).

4.30 Jackanory: Steve Hodson

11.00 am Play School: Same as BBC 1, 3.55. Close down at 11.25.
3.30 pm International Snookers. Benson and Hedges Masters. Semi-finals day. Lise coverage of the opening frames from the Wembley Conference Centre. concluding frames in the two matches can be seen tomight at 9.50 and 11.25.

5.40 Harold Lloyd: Highlights from another two of the famous silent-film comedian's movies—From Hand to Mouth, and The Kid

reads from Nina Warner Hooke's book Pepito (r). 4.45 Tarzan, Lord of the Jungle: Jarzan and the Graveyard of Ele-5.10 Grange Hill: Comprehensive serial. Which team will Benny (Terry Sue Part) play for?
5.35 The Perishers: Mini-comedy

with Leonard Rossiter (r). 5.40 News: with Kenneth Ken-dall. 5.55 Nationwide.

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7.00 The Superstars: Sporting personalities compete for the international Ferguson Trophy. From Netanya in Israel. The competitors: Brian Jacks (United Kingdom); Kjell Isaksson (Sweden); Ties Kruize (the Netherlands); Tony Ward (Republic of Ireland); Moshe Ganzi (Israel); Joop Zoetemelk (the Netherlands); Patrick Abada (France; and Kork Baltington, the 250 and 350 cc motor cycling world champion.

8.00 My Wife Next Door: Comedy series, Final episode. Husband (John Alderton) has his ex-wife (Hannah Gordon) as navigator in a treasure-hunt car rally.

8.30 Breskaway: Part 5 of the Francis Durbridge thriller, starring Martin Jarvis. Tonight, he gets a telephoned warning, and there is yet another body.

9.00 News; with Richard Baker.

fectly. Miss Smith demonstrates the preparatin of risotto alla Mil-anese and Turkish stuffed peppers. Also a film on the growing and harvesting of rice harvesting of rice.

1.45 News: with sub-titles for the hard of hearing.
7.30 In the Country: The presenter is Angelz Rippon and tonight's edition deals with horses on the farm, and how the future looks bright for them. 8.00 Edward Albec: The Playwright versus the Theatre, Profile of the American playwright / director / producer / art collector, who talks to Peter Adam about all four aspects of his life (see Personal

Brother.*
6.05 Monkey: Old Chinese funtastic adventures, made for Japanese TV and "done" into English. Tonight: the magician who kills a Choice). Caoce).

9.00 International Pro-Celebrity
Golf: Terry Wogan teams up with
Ben Crenshaw and Peter Cook with
Lee Trevino on the King's Course king. 6.50 Delia Smith's Cookery Course: What are the best types of rice to use—and how to cook them per-

9.25 The Eddie Capra Mysteries Vincents Baggetta is the lawyer who defends a girl on charges of mur-der and arson. He turns up other Radio 4

6.30 Today. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.30. 8.30 Headlines.

9,00 News.

6.00 am News Briefing. 6.10 Farming Today.

8.35 Yesterday in Parliament

9.05 Desert Island Discs.

9.45 Enquire Within.

10.30 Daily Service.

5.00 PM. 5.55 Weather.

10.20 George Burns and Gracie Allen: Another of their old come-dy half-hours for American televi-

10.50 Ballroom Champions: Con

ples compete for the Professiona Modern and Amateur Latin Ameri can titles in the United Kingdom Ballroom Championships. 11.25 Film: Chicago, Chicago (1970). Comedy set in the year 1910. About a young man (Beau Bridges) who leaves his small hometown to seek his fortune in the big city. Ends at 1.15 am.

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REC 1 VARIATIONS: Water: 1.45 pm Cwmtindi, 5.55 Water Today, 7.00 Heddw, 7.10 Heddw, 7.50 Medical Medi

Nine holes of serious golf, with a fair prospect of some chuckles between holes. 9.50 International Snooker: The Benson and Hedges Masters. More play from Wembley Conference Centre. See also 11.25.

10.36 International Darts: The Embassy World Professional Darts Championship from Stoke-on-

11.10 News and weather. 11.25 International Snooker: The last of tonight's transmissions from Wembley. from Wembley.

11...45 Friday Night . . . Saturday
Morning: Ned Sherrin presides
over a music and fun show that
rarely disappoints. There are

guests and a quiz.

12.35 am Close down: Julian
Glover reads John Heath-Stubba's
story Address Not Known. Ends at
12.45.

THAMES

BBC 2

9.30 am For schools: Botanic Man (evolution, sea to land); 9.57 Stop, Look, Listen (Stone); 10.10 Work (rush-hour travel); 10.27 It's Your Future (sex discrimination); 10.48 Music round (piano); 11.10 Reading with Lenny; 11.22 Leapfrog (maths); 11.39 Believe it or Not (Islam).

11.55 Cartoon Time : Operation Ice-Tickle (r). 12.00 A Handful of Songs: For the young viewer. 12.10 Once upon a time: Peter

Davison tells the story of The London Weekend Crocodile and the Jackal. 12.30 Simply Sewing: How to make a pair of trousers.

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1.00 News. 1.20 Thames News.
1.30 Together: Serial about life in a block of flats. The pools syndicare.
2.00 After Noon Plus: A man comes out of prison. He talks about his life "inside". So does the governor (see Personal Charles) 2.45 Film: Quest for Love (1971). Science fiction yarn about the

strange world a physicist enters after an explosion. With Tom Bell as the physicist and Joan Collins as his wife.
4.15 The Tomorrow People: The

Thargon Menace. Space ship lands on a Pacific Island, episode one of a two-part children's adventure (r). 4.45 Magpie: for the Sugden family. 5.45 News. 6.00 Thames News. 6.30 Thames Sport, with Allan Taylor and John McCrick.

7.00 The Muppet Show: The human guest is the American comedian Jonathan Winters. The puppet world is invaded by spacemen 7.30 Play Your Cards Right: The Bruce Forsyth quiz show, where contestants win prizes at the turn of a card, good nerves and intellia.00 Life Begins at Forty: Start of a new comedy series about new parents (Derek Nimmo and Rose-

mary Leach) and how they cope with the baby. 8.30 Hawaii Five-O: Crime thriller. husband. 9.30 The Comedians: A succession

of jokes told in a variety of styles by funny men of widely differing 10.00 News.

10.30 Soap: More scenes from the strange lives of the Campbell and Tate families. 11.00 The London Program

Why argent government action is needed to curb the crime and corruption in London's mini-cab trade. Includes film of the syndicate touting at Heathrow and in the West End, and charging monstrous fares. The presenter is Godfrey Hodgson. 11.45 Chopper Squad: Wanting Things. Dramas about the sea and air reacue team in Sydney,

Australia. 12.45 am Close: Another reading

RADIO

5.50 Regional news, weather. 11.00-11.30 Study on 4: Kein Prob-lem (14).

Radio 3

10.00 News. 10.05 From Our Own Correspon-7.00 News. 7.05 Records: Schumann, Strauss. Mozart (K364).† 8.00 News. 8.05 Records: Rimsky-Korsakov, Debussy, Stravinsky, Poulenc.†

10.30 Daily Service.
10.45 The Wooden Horse (concl).
11.00 News.
11.05 Women of Words (3).
11.50 Bird of the Week.
12.02 Powers.
12.02 pm You and Yours.
12.27 My Music.†
12.25 Weather.
1.00 The World at One.
1.40 The Archers.
2.00 News.
2.02 Woman's Hour.
3.00 News. Vin Conc).†

9.55 Piano: Franck, Maticic, Beethoven (op 109), Scarlatti.†

10.45 BBC NI Orch/Wetherell: Vaughan Williams, Panufnik, Haydn (Sym 47).†

11.30 De Volharding Ensemble: Borstlap, Dreassen, Soll.†

22.15 pm BBC Northern SO/Tzipine (live from RNCM, Mauchester), pr 1: Falls, Saint-Saens (Vin Conc 3).†

News. Listen with Mother .15 Play: Five Days in 35, by Alan Plater.†
4.10 Pen to Paper.†
4.40 Preview.
4.45 Story: The 1
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5.55 Weather.
6.00 News.
6.30 Going Places.
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Pick of the Week.†
8.10 Profile.
8.30 Any Questions?
9.15 Letter from America.
9.30 Kaleidoscope.
10.00 The World Tonight.
10.35 Week Ending.†
11.00 A Book at Bedtime.
11.15 Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Today in Parliament.
1.45 Play: The Winner.
12.00 News.
12.15-12.23 am Weather. 12.15-12.23 am Weather.

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6.50 am Regional news, weather.
7.50 Regional news, weather.
9.05-10.30 For Schools: Contact:
People at Work; Country Dancier,
Notice Board II: Music Workshop.
10.45-12.00 For Schools: A Corner
for Music; Exploring Society;

Notice Board II: Listening and Notice posts.
Writing: Prospect.
2.00-3.00 pm For Schools: Let's
Join In; Religious Education;

6.55 am Weather.

9.05 Week's Composer: Berg tincl Vin Conc).†

3.25 Young Hungarian composers; Huszar, Feher.† 3.55 Comparing Notes.† 4.55 News. 5.00 Music for early evening.† 7.00 Record: Albinomi.† 7.10 One Pair of Ears: review† 7.25 Play It Again: preview.† 7.30 Violin, piano (Pauk, Frankl— live from Repadrasting Centre, Birlive from Broadcasting Centre, Bir-mingham), pt 1: Schubert, Schu-mann (Son 1).† 8.15 Poetry Now. 8.35 Pauk, Frankl, pt 2: Bartok.

NAVEL-1 9.15 Lecture (George Steiner): A Verse in Job, a Line in Sophocies, 10.00 Building a Library: Brahms (Sym 1).† 10.55 Talk: Greene Test. 11.95 The First New England School: American music.†

Radio 2

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5.00 am News, weather. 5.03 Steve Jones.; 7.32 Terry Wogan.; 10.03 Colin Berry.; 12.03 pm David Hamilton.; 2.03 Ed Stewart.; 4.03 Much More Music.; 5.00 News. 5.05 Waggoners' Walk. 5.20 Much More Music.; 6.03 John Dunn.; 5.02 Jim MacLeod.; 8.45 Friday Night is Music Night.; 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.02 Roll's Walkabout. 10.30 Sounds of Laun America. 11.02 Brian Marthew. 2.02 am-5.00 You and the Night and the Music.;

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5.00 am As Radio 2, 6.00 Dave Lee
Travis. 9.00 Simon Bates, 11.31
Paul Burnett. 2.00 pm Andy
Peebles. 4.31 Kid Jensen. 5.30
Anne Nightingale. 9.50 Newsbeat.
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Westward As London except: 1,20 pm New1 2.45 Film: Pine Canyon is Burning. 4.12 Gus Honcybun's Birthdays, 5.00 Westward Diary. 5.30 Westend Show. 5.50 Just the Job. 8.30 incredule Hull. 10.32 News. 10.35 Newsmonth. 10.55 Film: Man with the Power. 12.33 sm Faith for Life.

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Charles in Tipperary, a son.
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Nortingham, to Anita (nee Fodent)
and Trevor—a daughter (Elizabeth Mary).

HACKAY—At Cresswell Maternity
Hospital, Dumiries, on 5rd
February, 1980, to Hamish and
Jay (née Robb-Smith)—I daughter inforag Isobell. Both wall.

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Oucon Charlotte's Hospital, to
venella (née Knight), and Peter
—a daughter (Zinnia Louise),
ONG.—On January 30 to Linda
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Singapore—a daughter.

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Queen Charlottes, to Melissa
(née Milne; and lam—a daughter)

Lisa Elizabeth;
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son (Julian Peter), a brolluer for
Christopher.

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son (Julian Peter), a brother for Christopher.

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and Mrs. Chown, of Easton in
Gordano, to Jane Elizabeth, only
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Montague, of Hampstoad.
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the Parish Church of St Mary
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Mrs. John Millar, of Sydney,
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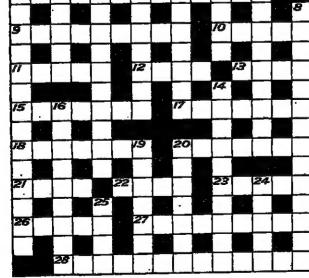
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1 Painters mad about job in-volving dancing (13). 9 How treat a priest—turbu-lent inmate (9).

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22 Case for reallocating doties in the Centre (4).

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27 Run finished with cast upset 28 Setting right radio smashed by this? (13).

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4 In song my darling one, Rachel, in distress (7). 5 Hard to bear, one endless drinking-bout (7).

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They came but went not for Caesar (4).



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